**Hear the spellbinding performance of Dundee’s young musician of the year Morgan Academy pupil Ryan Dolby**

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Ryan Dolby, of Morgan Academy, is the Scottish Young Musician Dundee finalist. Pictures: Steve MacDougall/DCT Media.

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This is the performance that made Morgan Academy pupil Ryan Dolby Dundee’s young musician of the year.

And the pianist hopes to repeat his success in front of classical violinist Nicola Benedetti later this month to be named the best in Scotland.

S6 pupil Ryan played Chopin’s Nocturne in Bb and Gennady Lukinykh’s Surf Rumba to win the Dundee final of Scottish Young Musician.

Ryan was among 17 young musicians in the Dundee final of Scottish Young Musician held at Harris Academy.

He will compete against the other regional winners in the national final in the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, Glasgow, on May 29.

They include the [Angus, Fife and Perthshire winners Noah Chalamanda, Robbie Dowall and Stephen Ip](https://www.thecourier.co.uk/fp/education/3243998/scottish-young-musician-dundee-angus-fife-perthshire/).

Kirstin Brown, the school’s principal teacher of music, drama and physics, said: “We are hugely proud of what Ryan has achieved and look forward to hearing him in the Scottish finals.

“It is a real pleasure to have performance opportunities that give our talented young people the platform to showcase their skills.”

**The final**

As he prepares for the national final, Ryan will be the first performer to use the school’s [Tom Hermiston piano, funded by Morgan Academy Former Pupils Association](https://twitter.com/morganacademy1/status/1519626124376092674) in memory of the former teacher.

He will be competing in the solo performer title in the contest being run for the first time by those behind the well-established North Ayrshire Young Musician Competition.

The brass ensemble of the year competition, which was held online, has already been [won by Perth High School Brass Ensemble](https://www.scottishyoungmusicians.com/application/files/1216/5096/7913/Brass_Ensemble_2022_Winner_Announced.pdf).

Every young person learning to sing or play an instrument in a school in Scotland was able to enter.

The overall winner will have the chance to work, play and learn with world-class musicians with links to music colleges for future consideration of a career in music