

PAGANINI PRIZE 2026

1.0 NAME OF COMPETITION

1.1 Paganini Prize

2.0 DONOR OF PRIZE

2.1 A (Bep) Torkington

3.0 NATURE OF PRIZE

3.1 2026 - \$50

4.0 DURATION OF PRIZE

4.1 The prize is to be offered on an annual basis.

5.0 ELIGIBILITY FOR PRIZE

5.1 The prize is open to Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University students enrolled in either a full-time or part-time programme at the Conservatorium with **classical violin, viola or guitar** as their specialisation.

6.0 SELECTION PROCESS

- 6.1 Competitors are required to play a virtuoso work of Paganini (excluding the concertos) lasting not longer than 10 minutes in duration.
- 6.2 The aim of the competition is to encourage excellence in performance.
- 6.3 There is to be only one winner of this prize, and if the standard required by the panel is not reached, no award will be made.
- 6.4 The adjudicating panel is to consist of as many of the string staff as possible, both full-time and part-time staff at the Conservatorium.

7.0 ADMINISTRATION OF THE PRIZE

7.1 The Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University will be responsible for the administration of the prize, including the publicising of the prize and managing funds associated with the prize.

Previous winners of this award:

1983	Brett Dean	2009	Yena Choi
1984	Graeme Jennings	2010	Yena Choi
1985	Miriam Townsley	2011	Wei-Chen Chen
1986	No Award Made	2012	Imogen Gilfedder-Cooney
1987	Graeme Jennings	2013	Jenna (Cho-Lim) Park
1988	James Cuddeford	2014	Liam Kenneally
1989	Melanie Burgess	2015	Johnny van Gend
1990	Roger Young	2016	Rosanna Sharp
1991	Joo Mee Lee	2017	Not awarded
1992	Kirsten Waters	2018	Harry Egerton
1993	Not awarded	2019	Harry Egerton
1994	Gregory Lee	2020	Harry Egerton
1995 – 2000	no information	2021	Harry Egerton
2001	Ji-Eun Lee	2022	Kevin Hsu
2002	Blair Harris; Matthew Rigby	2023	Ingram Fan
2003	Matthew Rigby; Ji-Eun Lee	2024	Noah Coyne
2004	Not awarded	2025	Edison Richard
2005	Camille Barry		
2006	Robert Osler		
2007	Francesca Hiew		
2008	Yena Choi		

**PRIZE / COMPETITION APPLICATION
PAGANINI PRIZE 2026**

Student Name: **No:**

Contact Daytime
Phone Number:

Address 1:
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E-Mail:

**Course & Year in which you are
Enrolled:**

Prize Name: **Paganini Prize 2026**

Responsible Department: **Strings**

Approx. Prize Value: **\$50**

Date of Competition: **Monday 25 May 2026, 4.00pm – during string workshop**

Entries Close **Friday 15 May 2026 at 4.00 pm**

- Hand completed application form to the Operations Administrator (rm 2.64) or by e-mail on c.wharton@griffith.edu.au
- Late applications will not be accepted.

DETAILS OF PROGRAMME

All Titles Must Be **TYPED or PRINTED** Clearly in full - name, key, opus, instrument etc

Composer	Title / Opus No.	Duration

If you are only available at a certain time in the competition period, please note that period here.....

SIGNATURE: **Date:**.....