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# Jit Samaroo's son is best junior pannist

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AMRIT SAMAROO, the son of celebrated pan composer and arranger, Jit Samaroo, on Friday night emerged as the champion pan soloist, as the tenth Junior Steelband Music Festival came to a close.

Young Samaroo, 17, copped 269 points playing his father's composition, "A Canary's Call",

to take the title and beat arch-rival Sophia Subero's rendition of Kreisler's "Praeludium and Allegro" by a single point.

Samaroo, who had topped the preliminary round, was beaten by Subero at the semi-final stage, also by a single point.

Third among the soloists was Shirvana Ragoonanan, who scored 266 for her performance of "Two Indian Dancers".

Tying for fourth position with 255 points were Joni Bruce ("Jubilee Rag") and Marissa Theodore, who played "Sollegie".

In the orchestras Under 16 category, Gary Straker's Pan School scored 262 points to win with Straker's composition "Pan in 2020". Newtown Girls' RC School was in second playing Ella Andall's "Rhythm". They scored 259 points, pushing

Febeau Government School's Pan Giants into third place with 256 points, for their rendition of Brian Villafana's "Steel Creations".

Success Stars Pan Sounds won the Under 21 category outright with 553 points. The Laventille school also copped the trophy for Best Tune of Choice, for its performance of Kitchener's "Rainorama".

Arima Senior Comprehensive, the defending champions, were beaten into second place, scoring 541 points with their rendition of Maureen Clement-Moze's "Pan Fair", while St Augustine Senior Comprehensive School took third place with 540 points, for Gloria Estefan's "Mi Tierra". They also won the trophy for Best Test Piece—"Pan in Danger".