



Denis Evstuhin  
First Place



Dmitri Vorobiev  
Second Place



Ryo Yanagitani  
Third Place



Rui Shi  
Fourth Place



Yury Shadrin  
Fifth Place



Natalia Lavrova  
Sixth Place

## Russian wins piano competition

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Meagan Sexton, Sioux City Journal

Denis Evstuhin, 27, of Russia was declared the winner of the 2009 Iowa Piano Competition and won \$7,500 Saturday night at the Orpheum Theater in Sioux City.

Second place and a \$2,750 prize went to Dmitri Vorobiev, 35, also of Russia.

Third place and a \$1,500 prize went to Ryo Yanagitani, 30, of Canada.

"It wasn't a clear cut decision. They (the judges) were in there for a while going over all the aspects of the competition and came up with a decision," Trinette Patterson of the Sioux City Symphony said. "It was very close. Their abilities were very close to one another. It was tough for them to pick one out," she said.

Approximately 90 people from across the globe applied to be part of the competition. A panel selected a field of 12, who were invited to Sioux City to perform.

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The panel of judges which oversaw all three days of the competition included:

**Mark Clinton**  
University of Nebraska, Lincoln

**John Murphy**  
Loyola University, New Orleans

**Boris Slutsky**  
Peabody Conservatory, Baltimore

The Iowa Piano Competition is an intensive three-day competition hosted by the [Sioux City Symphony Orchestra](#) in Sioux City, Iowa. For more information visit the Symphony website or call 712.277.2111.