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# Female Saxophonist Wins Thelonious Monk Jazz Competition

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The first female instrumentalist has won the annual competition of the [Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz](#), the most prestigious in the world.

Each year, the institute focuses on a different instrument. Saxophonist Melissa Aldana, originally from Santiago, Chile, took first prize — a \$25,000 scholarship and a record deal.

Audio at: <https://www.wbur.org/hereandnow/2013/09/18/thelonious-monk-jazz>