

Alfred University senior takes gold medal in international Chinese instruments competition

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David Fuller performs on guzheng at the New York Chinese Instruments International Competition.

ALFRED, NY – Alfred University student David Fuller competed over the weekend in the 2019 New York Chinese Instruments International Competition and came away with a gold medal.

The international competition was held Saturday and Sunday, Aug 24 and 25, at Schwarz Theater, SUNY College of Optometry in New York City. More than 30 Chinese musical instrument players from the United States, Canada and China competed in the Young Adult Group and Fuller, a senior from Groton, NY, took first place for his performance on guzheng, a traditional Chinese stringed instrument.

Fuller, who majors in accounting and marketing with a minor in music, has taken guzheng courses the last two semesters from Daisy Wu, visiting professor of music and director of the Confucius Institute at Alfred University.

Wu said Fuller's competition piece, "Evening Songs on the Fishing Boat," won unanimous praise from the judges. Wu related that Paula Bing from the Juilliard School, chair of the judge committee for the competition, gave high praise to Fuller's performance, saying, "You played the most beautiful melody."