

3D printed violins



Pictured: A child playing a violin. Source: Canva

The Acoustical Society of America is 3D-printing violins to make the instrument more affordable for hundreds of children and adults who want to learn how to play. The 3D-printed violins are created in two sections, with the violin's body being made from a plastic polymer material. The neck and fingerboard are printed in smooth ABS plastic, which clips on to the body and gives a comfortable grip for musicians. The violins are much cheaper than a traditional violin, which can cost over £600. The 3D-printed violin cost only

around £30 (with printing costs being around £6 and the assembly at about £24). The instrument produces a different sound, a darker, more mellow sound than traditionally made instruments. 'Our goals were to explore the new sound world created by using new materials, to leverage the new technology being used in other disciplines, and to make music education sustainable and accessible through the printing of more durable instruments,' said the Montreal-based AVIVA Young Artists Program director, Mary Elizabeth Brown.



Junior Category Winner 2022

I C YOU Boy
Arshdeep Singh



Photo 2
People's Choice Winner 2022

Talk to the Fin
Jennifer Hadley

Funny photos

The winners of the Comedy Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2022 have been announced. Amongst the hilarious snaps was a photograph of a winking owl called 'I C You Boy', which won the World Junior Comedy Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2022 award for Arshdeep Singh. Arshdeep is a young wildlife photographer from Jalandhar, India, who was born in 2007. He is passionate about birds, primates and small world (macro) photography. He said, 'I learn everyday, learning helps me become a better photographer every day'. US photographer Jennifer Hadley's 'Talk To The Fin' photograph of two gentoo penguins, who were hanging out on the beach when one shook himself off, giving his mate the snub, was taken in the Falkland Islands. The contest was founded

Pictured: Left - Arshdeep's picture of a winking owl titled 'I C You Boy' won the World Junior Comedy Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2022

Right - Affinity Photo 2 People's Choice Award 2022, Talk to the Fin by Jennifer Hadley

Source: Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards @ComedyWildlife Twitter page

in 2015 by professional photographers and passionate conservationists, Paul Joynson-Hicks and Tom Sullam, who wanted to create a competition that focused on the lighter, humorous side of wildlife photography. They tweeted that the competition is 'The funniest pictures of wildlife near and far, promoting sustainability through positive imagery'. The free competition is open to all, with novice, amateur and professional photographers all welcome to submit entries. It celebrates the hilarity of the natural world while also highlighting what needs to be done to protect it.

Unicorn license



The Department of Animal Care and Control in California (DACC) has issued its first ever Permanent Unicorn License. A girl, called Madeline, wrote a letter to request a license from her state, which said, 'Dear LA County, I would like your approval if I can have a unicorn in my backyard if I can find one.' After reading the letter and assessing the case, DACC Director Marcia Mayeda responded by issuing the license and a plushie unicorn pictured above. There are conditions to the license, which include that Madeline must take great care of the unicorn if she finds one, as they are very rare. The unicorn must be given regular access to sunlight, moonbeams, and rainbows along with

Pictured: The Permanent Unicorn License and the plushie unicorn that accompanied it. **Source:** LA Dpt. of Animal Control Facebook page.

being fed it's favourite snack, which the director states is watermelon, once a week. Madeline must ensure the good health of her unicorn's horn by polishing it with a soft cloth at least once a month. The girl must make sure that any glitter or sparkles used on the unicorn are biodegradable and non-toxic so they are safe for her pet. Marcia Mayeda commended Madeline's thoughtfulness and sense of responsibility in considering what she would need in order to provide a loving and safe home for her unicorn.

Last week's topic:

What would it be like to live on the Moon?

Fun because you would need to bunny hop everywhere, but annoying because wearing a helmet and a suit would interfere with eating and doing normal things.

Venice Class



I think it will be a great experience to live on the moon.

Lenny

I thinking would be good but difficult to live on the moon and a bit scary. That's because it would be difficult to get food and water that you need to live. However, the good thing is you would get to discover lots of new things about the moon and space.

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