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## VIDEO: Robot wins comp playing Flight of the Bumblebee

### Rattles off Rimsky-Korsakov

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It's one of the toughest pieces of music to play, but a robot clarinet player wowed audiences at an international orchestra competition with a near faultless rendition of The Flight of the Bumblebee.

The robot was created by Australian research group and took first prize at the Artemis Orchestra Competition, a contest in which engineers were challenged to create machine capable of playing human instruments.

Designed by a joint team from the University of New South Wales and NICTA, the robot not only tackled The Flight of the Bumblebee but also bashed out Bolero in the final to beat a Dutch developed guitar-picking robot and a Finnish piano-playing machine.

