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## American cellist Yo-Yo Ma among recipients of Dan David prize

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This year's Dan David prize will be awarded to cellist Yo-Yo Ma, a quartet of prominent journalists working in the human rights field, and a pair of American cancer researchers, organizers announced in Paris on Friday.

The \$3 million prize is sponsored by Tel Aviv University and entrepreneur Dan David and is bestowed on people and institutions that have made an outstanding contribution to humanity in three categories –

past, present and future.

Ma received the "Past" award for breaking traditional musical boundaries and becoming an educator and cultural researcher.

The "Present" award went to four journalists – Monica Gonzalez, an investigative journalist and long-time human rights crusader from Chile; Egyptian-born Magdi Allam, a peace advocate who is the deputy editor of Italy's *Corriera Della Sera* and a commentator on Arab and Islamic affairs; Adam Michnik, a Pol-

ish journalist who was influential in the breakup of the Soviet bloc and rise of free regimes in Eastern Europe; and Goenawan Mohamad, a poet, writer and journalist who has fought to promote a free press in Indonesia.

The "Future" prize was awarded to Dr. John Mendelsohn, president of the Anderson Cancer Center at the University of Texas, and Prof. Joseph Schlessinger of the Yale School of Medicine, for their innovative approach to cancer research.