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Torrin from Oxfordshire was crowned champion of ITV's The Voice Kids 2021 competition.

The 14-year-old who was mentored by Coach Melanie C won the virtual audience's vote after performing Auld Lang Syne as her final song.

Speaking to Emma Willis right after the news was revealed, Torrin said: "It just feels totally incredible and thank you to Melanie because I wouldn't be here without you!"

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Please find below a Q&A with Melanie C speaking about Torrin:

What made Torrin so special the moment you heard her voice?

Torrin for me was an instant chair turner. She just has this incredibly unique quality about her, in her voice and then getting to know her personality as well she's very, very special. She's really unique. I always talk about wanting to be touched, wanting to feel a connection and emotion when somebody performs and she has that more than most. I'm so excited for her future.

She's a singer/songwriter, she has that quality but the riffs are so soulful. She has like a Celtic feel and then these soulful riffs. It's like nothing I've ever heard. The control and the emotion – she's so special.

How did it feel the moment she was announced the winner?

I'm a little bit emotional just thinking about it now. I really felt she was something really special but I didn't know if she'd be the audience's choice. There was so much talent in that studio, technically incredible singers. I just think Torrin is so special in so many ways and I think she kind of breaks the mould. As much as I wanted her to win and as much as I thought she had the potential I didn't know whether that was what the audience would decide and when they did it was just the most incredible feeling. I'm very, very proud of her.

It must have been tough, having all of the responsibility guiding your team through the competition and then ultimately at the final having to hand that over to the viewers at home...?

And also, being a performer and knowing that in those high-pressure situations where you have to perform, how tough that can be – well, they ALL [the finalists] did AMAZINGLY, better than us Coaches! It was incredible and I was proud of all of them on the stage for the entire show. As for Torrin, I'm truly just so excited to see what the future holds for her.

What do you think the future holds for her?

I think if she continues on this path; she's so passionate, she's so dedicated that I just think there's no stopping her. I do believe she could become one of the greats of our time. She's got that potential. She's so talented. She just has that ability to connect with people and to touch your soul. Press Contacts <u>susan.collins@itv.com</u> Picture Contacts <u>james.hilder@itv.com</u> Viewer enquiries <u>https://www.itv.com/contact/how-to-get-in-touch</u>