



**Nailpro competition director Jewel Cunningham announces the winners.**

For the *Nailpro Cup* competitions in Las Vegas, participants had the option of entering seven separate categories at the novice or veteran level. Nail techs jumped at the chance to compete in this unusual selection of categories, submitting more than 300 entries overall.

The brand-new Tip & Overlay Relay kicked off the three-day



**From left: judges Rita Horvath, Anita Lime-Sims, Yoshio Mizuno, Tye Dobson and Carla Collier.**

competition. During the relay, three team members took turns working in 50-minute intervals on one set of nails. The debut was successful, with competitors welcoming the new challenge and the rare chance to foster teamwork. "I was quite impressed with the turnout for a first-time competition that required three competitors per team—we



**From top: finishing up at the Relay; a tech concentrates on her French twist design; the winning novice Fantasy Nail Art nails.**

### Practice Makes Perfect

Veteran competitor Catherine Li Mei Wong from Singapore earned a perfect score for her entry in the music-themed 3-D Nail Art Competition in Las Vegas—a first in the history of the *Nailpro Cup*.

"I've been a competitor and judge for more than 20 years, and I've never seen a perfect score at a professional competition at this level," said competition director Jewel Cunningham after she announced the winner. "These nails were just amazing."

