

Who Will Be The Next Orinda Idol?

By Lee Borrowman

On Sunday, September 9, the thirty-five finalists for the title of 2007 Orinda Idol will sing their hearts out at the Orinda Theater. Performances begin at 11:00am.

As in a certain other Idol contest, finalists will be judged by performance professionals and audience vote – come cheer and vote for your favorite rising star!

Orinda Idols will be chosen in four grade categories. Admission is free. Winners will be announced at 5:15pm.

The schedule and performers:

K-2 Grade, 11:00-12:00

Lauren Bond, Amanda Bovoso, Aisling Holton, Sophia Li, Makenna Millham, Jackie Patton, Jocelyn Purcell, Tessa Viola, Zoe Warch

3-5 Grade, 12:30-1:30

Nolan Englund, Maritza Grillo, Sean McFeely, Amrita Newton, Emma Patton, Claire Restrepo, Erin Schoenfeld, Cole Skeffington, Stephanie Sloves, Alina Whatley

6-8 Grade, 2:00-3:15

Matthew Barber, TJ Barber, Ryan Buchanan, Faith Engstrom, Grace Hilty, Katie Marino, Neris Newton, Steven Patton, Hannah Tennant, Sophie Wegener

9-12 Grade, 3:45-4:45

Sarah Ames, Max Coleman, Alexis Daniels, Ben Freeman, Suvi Gluskin, Erika Goeriz, Nicola Vann

Preliminary judging resulted in Runner-Ups being named in two grade groups, who will serve as alternates for finalists in those groups who are unable to compete on Sunday:

Grades 3-5: Julie Meckes (1st), Anna Finnell (2nd);

Middle School: Sarah Brovelli (1st), Sophie Woodlee (2nd)

Emcees: Diane Dwyer, NBC11; Anna Werner, CBS5; Leslie Brinkley, ABC7

Judges:

Matthias Montgomery, Drummer & Vocalist, SPAZMATICs
Cesar Cancino, Musical Director, Palazzo & Formerly of Teatro Zinzanni
Svetlana Nikitenko, Opera Singer, SF Opera & Teatro Zinzanni
Amy Potozkin, Casting Director, Berkeley Rep Theatre

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