

Orinda Idol Finalists

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The Orinda Arts Council auditioned over 170 students in five categories for the 2008 Orinda Idol Contest. New to the event this year is the group performance category and the inclusion of residents from Lafayette and Moraga in the both the high school and group categories. The winners were announced on June 2nd and are listed below. The finalists will perform at local events through out the summer such as the July 4th Parade and area farmers markets. The Orinda Idol winners will be chosen by judges' review and audience vote on September 7th at the Orinda Theater.

Kindergarten-Grade 2

Anastasia Belinsky
Amanda Bovoso
Ryan Ford
Kate Marvin
Jackie Patton

Grades 3-5

Sarah McCaffrey
Sean McFeely
Maritza Grillo
Tosca Maltzman
Joe Metheny
Julia Meckes
Jocelyn Purcell
Sam Shain
Stephanie Sloves
Michael Sorenson

Middle School

Matthew Barber
Tatyana Belinsky
Lindsay Ford
Julia Haas
Patrick Hart
Isabelle Johannessen
Katie Marino
Amrita Newton
Kacey Sorenson
Sofie Woodlee

High School

Sarah Ames
T.J. Barber
Jacqueline Garell
Jules La Cour
Neris Newton
Steven Patton
Mark Simon

Groups*

Duet 1: *Lauren Bond & Beth Huelsenbeck*
Duet 2: *Elizabeth Fabian & Emily Fabian*
Duet 3: *Nathan Baum & Aaron Baum*
Duet 4: *Madison Wheeler & Tosca Maltzman*
Duet 5: *Sam Shain & Amrita Newton*
Duet 6: *Katie Rossi & Natalie Clendening*
Trio 1: *Kacey Sorenson & Alexis Zwahlen & Maddy Browning*
Octet 1: *Courtney Attard, Jane Fessenden, Sarah Mills, Madeline Myall, Amrita Newton, Lauren Petite, Maya Sherne, Andie Tuemmler*
Trio 2: *Neris Newton & Jacqueline Garell & Max Coleman*
Duet 7: *Suvi Gluskin & Maxwell Tzannes*

*Listed in order by age of youngest group member