

2012 Orinda Idol Finalists Announced

Submitted by Britta Glade

After approximately 200 students from 26 schools auditioned in May, the 2012 Orinda Idol finalists for the Lamorinda community were finally announced. "The level of talent was very high, so we look forward to an extremely high quality show on September 9 at the Orinda Theatre," said Britta Glade of Orinda Idol. The community will also be treated to two performances from the Orinda Idol finalists and runners up before the final competition, with a performance July 17 at the Orinda Community Park (as part of the Tuesday evening Summer Concert in the Park series) and again on August 25 at Orinda Theatre Square.

Timing for the September 9 finals event is available at: www.orindaartscouncil.org/orinda_idol_finals.php.

2012 Orinda Idol Finalists and Runners Up

K-2 Soloists Finalists Callie Barber Lucy Berkman Amelia Chen Bridget Mills Claire O'Connor Runners-Up Olivia Uzuncan Lila Hill	3-5 Soloists Finalists Malia Akazawa Elizabeth Becker Isabel Fine Malin Glade Taylor Johnson Jennifer McFarlane Grace Mesenbring Jackie Patton Nicole Prozan Lindsey Wallace Runners-Up Bella Craddock Samantha Martin	6-8 Soloists Finalists Grace Baer Poppy Bovoso Lucy Clearwater Nathan Correll Mia Lineweaver Jocelyn Purcell Kendall Roberts Eleanor Roeder Michaela Sasner Leah Woodcox Runners-Up Kate Marvin Avery Hansen	9-12 Soloists Finalists Sophie Belinn Sarah Cain Mariette Clarisse Ebarle Julia Elliott Maritza Grillo Tosca Maltzman Carolyn Moore Amrita Newton Paige Powell Hannah Witbeck Runners-Up Georgia Jansky Anna Finnell	K-5 Groups Finalists <i>Monday Blues</i> Kaylin Ishizu Wesley Ishizu Jules Kuramoto <i>Rising Starz</i> Leah Douglas Hannah Hoffman Nicole Prozan <i>Simply Sisters</i> Niamh Akazawa Malia Akazawa Fiona Akazawa <i>Sweet Harmony</i> Arriana Glenn Kiera Glenn Runners-Up <i>Nick and Jacob</i> Jacob van Steyn Nick Karr	6-12 Groups Finalists <i>Frank and Annie</i> Nathan Correll Jennifer McFarlane <i>Applause Theatre Company</i> Andrew Alcaraz Francesca Blake Gabriel Blake Alaina Campbell Laura Jinparn Jonathan Miller Amrita Newton Emma & Sophie Sophie Belinn Emma Patton <i>Fine & Sassy</i> Isabel Fine Michaela Sasner	<i>JnJ</i> Jacob Woll Jocelyn Purcell <i>Urban Flare</i> Sabrina Chaco Bella Johannessen Isaac Taylor Runners-Up <i>Baby J's</i> Emily Barlow Jordan Ben-Shmuel Melissa Elliott Riley Felt Greta Kohls Deirdre Nelis Erin Nolan Melissa Nolan Hannah Rosen Jenna Sposato <i>Maggie and Liv</i> Liv Lagomarsino Maggie McCulloch
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Technology Upgrade at Happy Valley Elementary School



Happy Valley Elementary School teachers show off new iPads. Photo Cathy Tyson

It was like Christmas in June at Happy Valley Elementary School last week. Parents at Happy Valley Elementary took a survey and decided to spend money from the school's existing individual parent fund reserve account on refreshing the library and upgrading technology. With a significant discount from Apple, a set of iPads for the library were

purchased along with one for each teacher. Teachers were given a handy adaptor to allow projection of images on a classroom screen. District technology coordinator Angie Corritone helped familiarize the teachers with this new tool, she explained: "The goal is student engagement and to bring out the best in our teachers." C. Tyson

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