

Lamorinda Idol 2014 Finalists Announced

Submitted by Esther Becker

Lamorinda Idol 2014 auditions were held May 15-17 with over 200 young people from Orinda, Moraga and Lafayette auditioning before a panel of three judges, who selected the finalists. Commenting on the au-

ditions, Lamorinda Idol chairman Steve Harwood said, "I think those of us present knew we were witnessing something very special as each of the auditioners was well prepared, put themselves on the line and gave it

their all. We have a very talented group of finalists, but each of the auditioners was special." Thirty-four soloists and 11 groups will compete at the finals on Sunday, Sept. 7 at the Orinda Theatre. The community will also be treated to several performances throughout the summer in Orinda and Lafayette from finalists and runners up. Further details are available at: <http://www.orindaartscouncil.org>.



Lamorinda Idol finalist Eleanor Rhoeder sang at the March 26 Orinda State of the City Address. Photo Andy Scheck

Lamorinda Idol 2014

Finalists and Runners-Up

K-2 Soloists	Avery Hansen	Lilesa
Finalists	Jennifer McFarlane	Malesa Hasler
Callie Barber	Lauren Ramlan	Lily Jensen
Katie Barmmer	Michaela Sasner	
Janie Hollerbach	Lindsey Wallace	Runners-Up
Claire O'Conner		Lucky Charms
Natalie Schroeder		Lucy Foss
	Runners-Up	Kaylin Ishizu
	Grace Mesenbring	
	Niamh Akazawa	Runners-Up
Runners-Up		Abby & Isabela
Audrey Peatross		Abby Evans
Katie Welch		Isabela Pursiano
	9-12 Soloists	
	Finalists	
3-5 Soloists	Grace Baer	6-8 Groups
Finalists	Sarah Cain	Finalists
Nejla Ackdoe-Pagey	Forest Castillo	ABC
Grace Barmmer	Lucy Clearwater	Lleyton Allen
Amelia Chen	Jesse Epstein	Elizabeth Becker
Bella Deanhardt	Isabelle Kimura	Jenni Coletta
Jenna Foster	Jocelyn Purcell	Team Voce
Ava Jacuzzi	Eleanor Roeder	Gianna Capozzi
Lleyton Allen	Leah Woodcox	Isabella Capozzi
Bridgett Mills		The Duettes
Grace Sjoberg		Grace Mesenbring
Aya Sullivan		Mia Polichio
	Runners-Up	The Tri Tones
Runners-Up	Hannah Witbeck	Arriana Glenn
Cece Cohen	Melissa Elliott	Kiera Glenn
Gianna Capozzi		Olivia Montiel
	K-5 Groups	Runners-Up
Finalists	Finalists	Finalists
Elizabeth Becker	Rainbow Harmony	Rising Starz
Joel Braunstein	Amelia Chen	Leah Douglas
Isabella Capozzi	Kaitlyn Roach	Hannah Hoffman
Jenni Coletta	The Complete	Nicole Prozan
Kiera Glenn	Opposites	
	Marlene Monteilh	Pia and Rachel
	Fiona Young	Pia Dovichi
		Rachel Go

A Musical Exchange

Submitted by Barbara Bisel



Men's Glee Club members perform outside Laura and Eppy Giles' Moraga home. Photo provided

Musical excitement abounded recently, as the University of Michigan Men's Glee Club passed through Moraga in the middle of their West Coast tour. The singers exchanged performances May 20 in Campolindo's Performing Arts Center, first with performances by the Campo Concert and Chamber choirs, then with the Men's Glee Club, to the delight of the students. The Club is the second oldest collegiate choir in the country, and brought 53 of their usual 100-plus voices on the road. Moraga choir parents gave them a warm welcome by hosting a barbecue at the home of Laura and Eppy Giles May 19. Barbara Bisel, whose son Rob sings in the club, organized the

event as well as home stays for the boys. Parents, friends, and neighbors were thrilled by an impromptu, breathtaking performance on the Giles' front lawn at the conclusion of the barbecue. Highlights of their tour included a performance at MusicFest Canada (a national musical festival in Vancouver where they are the featured guest vocal ensemble for the festival); their Brothers in Song LA concert at Pasadena Presbyterian Church (where they will collaborate with several schools from the LA area); and their final performance with alumni in San Francisco (where they revisited Carl Orff's In Taberna section of his *Carmina Burana*).

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