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Lamorinda Idol a Screaming Success

Thirty-three soloists and 12 groups of talented kids from kindergarten to 12th grade, who were named Lamorinda Idol finalists last May, have spent the past few months preparing to take to the stage Sept. 6 at the Orinda Theatre as part of the Lamorinda Idol finals. Created and sponsored by the Lamorinda Arts Council, Lamorinda Idol has become a mainstay for the local community as a way to showcase its young talent.

Lamorinda Idol Chairman Steve Harwood said, "The Lamorinda Idol Finals were a tremendous success in every way. Most of all, every single performer was outstanding, and reflected the growth of each of them over the course of the sum-

mer, where the program offered multiple performance opportunities and workshops.

"This 10th annual production was also enhanced by outstanding judges, who gave substantive feedback to the performers, a video projection of the judges, and state of the art lighting," added Harwood. "As in the past, the Orinda Theatre was filled with enthusiastic, adoring fans. Many volunteers and sponsors all contributed to create a production that was pretty much on par with the Academy Awards, although the Academy Awards doesn't feature as many delightful, wonderful young people."



And the Winners Are:

K-2 Solo	Sisi Roggensack	Song: Homeward Bound
3-5 Solo	Ava Jacuzzi	Song: Travelin' Soldier
K-5 Group	Happy Harmonies	Song: Happiness
	(Natalie Schroeder and Katie Welch)	
6-8 Group	ABC	Song: Hold On
	(Lleyton Allen, Elizabeth Becker, Jenni Coletta)	
9-12 Group	Michaela and Jen	Song: Poker Face
	(Jen McFarlane and Michaela Sasner)	
6-8 Solo	Kate Gross	Song: Put Your Records On
9-12 Solo	Leah Dobson	Song: I Will Always Love You
Audience Award	Leah Woodcox	Song: Back to Black

For a list of finalists, see the June 17 Lamorinda Weekly article, "Lamorinda Idol Finalists Named" in the online archives. *J. Wake*



Happy Harmonies



Leah Dobson

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