

## Event Organizer's Closing Note



**Even the heavy rain couldn't keep the performers and fans away! Youth from all around Southwestern ON hit the stage** at the 9th Annual Wheatley Idol competition. Hundreds came out to the largely anticipated Wheatley Idol, which got underway at Two Creeks. The steady morning rain stopped just in time for the Idol team to move the show from the pavilion down to the amphitheatre to begin at 12 noon. Local media personalities

Dustyn Janzen and Corey Robertson were the shows Celebrity emcees, and Celebrity Judges Nicole Barron, Cordell Green, and Paige Frankfurth (2011 Overall Winner) had a tough job with so much amazing talent to choose from. Starting off the show was eight-yr-old Emma Wright from Meaford, in the 6-9 Age Category, who set the bar high with her performance, singing Beauty & The Beast. Contestant's music included all genres, covers, and originals.



Contestants came from all over to include Amherstburg, Chatham, Essex, Harrow, Leamington, London, Meaford, Petrolia, Ruthven, Sarnia, Tilbury, Wheatley, Woodslee, and Windsor. "Online registration opened up May 15 and within 24 hours we were full, and we had 31 pre-registered contestants signed up, and a waiting list. When we doubled our registration waiting list we had to close it down due to the overwhelming response. We would love to have taken them all but registration is limited, due to time constraints we must vacate the event venue so preparations can begin for the last concert of the night."



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**NEW** this year was a Runner-up winner! "We had such amazing prizes and great sponsors that we were able to open it up to include a new winner category - Honourary Runner-up"! After a day of amazing young people showcasing their talents, congratulations goes out to Amber Dubois - 2012 Wheatley Idol Overall winner, Amy Papineau – Overall runner-up winner, Wheatley Idols in all age groups, and all the contestants for getting up in front of a big crowd and putting their talent out there for all to enjoy! As Celebrity MC Janzen put it, "It takes courage

to get up on stage". Our sincere appreciation to all our Sponsors, Supporters & Partners, Idol Contestants, and Team Idol who helped make 2012 Wheatley Idol another huge success!! Thank you everyone for coming out!



Check out this article! Mark Ribble, newspaper reporter for Leamington Post was there at Wheatley Idol from start to finish, taking notes and snapping photos. You can read his article "Hundreds Turn Out for Wheatley Idol Competition" [\[HERE\]](#).

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