

Darien's Got Talent Finalists Selected, and They'll Face Off on June 23

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These finalists have been selected for Darien's Got Talent, the Darien Arts Center's popular talent competition, which takes place this year at 7 p.m. on June 23 at Darien High School:

The finalists (either as individual contestants or as part of a team/troupe) are Darien residents Isabelle Seeman; Sophie Gilbert, Elle Mitrano and Isabelle Hole; Shannon Flaherty; Milana Melnick; Mia Petruzzo; Mia and Kai Sparks; Caroline Donnelly and Noa Durocher-Pyun; and Natalie Treacy.

This fundraising event for the DAC features cash prizes for adults and children. Twenty-one finalists from around the area will compete before entertainment professionals who will judge the finals show, which drew an audience of 700 people in past years.

Proceeds from the event support new and ongoing cultural events and programs offered at the DAC. Tickets are available at darienarts.org.

In addition to competing on stage for cash prizes, contestants can now compete to help raise money for the DAC. The public is encouraged to vote online at darienarts.org, as many times as they wish, for their favorite contestant(s) in order to elect the winner of the Darien's Got Talent 2018 People's Choice Award.

The contestant with the most votes will be awarded the People's Choice Award trophy at the conclusion of

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Darien's Got Talent on June 23.

Voting for the recipient of the People's Choice Award is open to all and will remain open until June 22 at the [Darien Arts Center website](#).

The cost per vote is \$1, with a 5-vote minimum, and all proceeds from voting will support ongoing programs at the DAC. All finalists in the competition are eligible for the People's Choice Award.

Finalists for Darien's Got Talent and contenders for the 2018 People's Choice Award are:

Benedetta Cordaro (Trumbull); Marianna DiMeo (Greenwich); Tom Giles (Cos Cob); Grace Herbert (Port Chester); Ryan Pappolla (Norwalk); Christian Rottner (Norwalk); Erick Sanchez (Stamford); Isabelle Seeman (Darien), William Shubeck (Stamford); and Riley Wells (Westport), Caroline Donnelly and Noa Durocher-Pyun (Darien); Intempo Ensemble, consisting of Valeria Gomar, Sanicte Arriola, Emily Huyhua, Nathaly Huyhua, Emily Soraluz and Juana Levano (Stamford) ; Shannon Flaherty (Darien); Sophie Gilbert, Elle Mitrano and Isabelle Hole (Darien); Anton and Joseph Klettner (South Salem); Samantha Lundstrom (Bridgeport); Milana Melnick

(Darien); Mia Petruzzo (Darien); Mia and Kai Sparks (Darien); Natalie Treacy (Darien); and Cary Wang (New Canaan).

Area businesses have contributed a stellar array of culinary delights to an exclusive after party, appropriately dubbed, Darien's Got Taste.

Entry to the party at the conclusion of Darien's Got Talent, will be granted to VIP ticket holders and sponsors, who can enjoy the outstanding buffet of local cuisine, celebrate with the winners of the talent competition and listen to pianist and Darien High School 2018 graduate Jonathan Kim.

Donors to the Darien's Got Taste celebration, which takes place in the Little Theatre at Darien High School, include Atria, Aux Delices, Blue Wave Taco, Cesco's, Chocolate Works, Crunch Fitness, Fisherman's Net, Fjord Fisheries, Height's Pizza, Meatball and Co., Michael Josephs, Scena Wine Bar, The Goose, Trader Joe's, Uncle's Deli and Whole Foods.

Baywater Properties, Maplewood, Shipman and Goodman, Janney, The Darien Sport Shop, Dr. Rhett Drugge, ERI Builders, Dana Fead, Realtor, Moffly Media, David Osherow, DDS, Palmer's Market, The Pawprint Market, Ring's End, Total Printing and Andrew Stefanou Salon and Spa generously sponsor the DAC fundraiser.

Tickets for Darien's Got Talent are \$35. VIP tickets are \$125 and include center section seating and entry to

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the post show party. Many family sponsorship options are also available at darienarts.org. Darien High School is located at 80 High School Lane.

For more information, call (203) 655-8683. The DAC is a nonprofit organization, which offers educational programming in dance, visual arts, theatre and music, as well as special events and live theatre productions by DAC Stage. The Darien Arts Center is located at 2 Renshaw Road in Darien, behind the Town Hall.