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Darien's Got TASTE Party After Darien's Got Talent

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When it comes to community support, not only does Darien have talent, but Darien's got taste, too. In a show of support for the Darien Arts Center's primary fundraiser, Darien's Got Talent, 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 musical entertainment by pianist Bob Rissolo.

Donors to the Darien's Got Taste celebration, which takes place in the Little Theatre at Darien High School, include Cesco's Trattoria, Amanda Smith Caterers, Bodega Taco Bar, Carolyn's Absolutely Fabulous Events, Chocolate Works, Darien Butcher Shop, Fjord Fisheries, Four Forks, Michael Joseph's Catering, Palmer's, Atria, Whole Foods, Panera, Trader Joe's, Rowayton Pizza and Crunch Fitness.

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Darien's Got Talent takes place at Darien High School on June 25 at 7 p.m. Local support for the DAC's fundraiser will enable the organization to continue to enrich the community with arts education and live theatre.

In addition to general admission ticket sales and People's Choice online voting (where the public can cast votes at darienarts.org for favorite contestants until June 24th), significant contributions can be made through VIP ticket sales and sponsorships.

— [an announcement](#) from Darien Arts Center

Premium ticket options include up-front seating to the finals show in addition to entry to the Darien's Got Taste after party.

Tickets for Darien's Got Talent are \$35 for adults and \$20 for students at darienarts.org. VIP tickets are \$125 and include up-front seating and entry to the post show party. Family sponsorships at \$500 include 5 VIP tickets and entry to the post show party.

Patron sponsorships of \$1000 include 2 season tickets to DAC Stage productions in addition to family sponsorship benefits. Darien High School is located at 80 High School Lane. For more information, including how to vote for the Darien's Got Talent People's Choice Award, visit darienarts.org or call (203) 655-8683.

Finalists competing in Darien's Got Talent are: Isabella Bardos, Ella Bates, Lauren Blake, Taylor Felt, Clare Noelle King, Rica Monaghan, Ben Roland, Sommer Schmidt, Quinn Taylor, Tom Giles, Katherine Gunya, Zach Heyde, Karen Joyce Miller, Riley Wells Thrush, a musical group of Laura Anglade and Grant Morro, a musical group of Paul Nelson and Jess Wilkes, a singing group of Grady Allen, Carson Stewart, and Jordan Kalonydes, a rock band consisting of Ben Teolis, Adeline Teolis, Rodrigo Galavis, and Diego Ferreira, and a dance group consisting of Donyae Carter-Smith, Christopher Thigpen, Toni Yarrell, Alexis Askew, Najheera Miller, Cedric Thigpen, Domonique Carter-Stanley, Morgan Henry, Le'Ashia Langley, David Daniel, Davante Thomas, and Elisha Yarrel.

The impressive panel of finals judges for the talent competition includes Columbia Records/Sony Music Senior Vice President John Doelp, producer of Kinky Boots, Jane Bergere, Broadway writer and director Dan Goggin (Nunsense), former professional New York City Ballet dancer Ashlee Knapp Stewart, and renowned jazz musician Joel A. Martin. Darien native, and Broadway and Hollywood director, BT McNicholl will act as Master of Ceremonies. Baywater Properties, Dana Fead, Realtor, East Coast Irrigation, the Eenkema van Dijk family, Goodnow Investment Group, the Andrew Stefanou Salon and Spa, and the DAC's corporate partner, Darien Rowayton Bank generously sponsor the event.

