

TEANECK TEEN IDOL

Sumner Perera, 13, wins singing contest title

Sumner Perera is the winner of the 2010 Teaneck Teen Idol and Isabel Christian and Chiffon DeLoatch are the runners-up.

"You have actually honored us all by your remarkable singing," said one of the judges to Sumner Perera, who won the audience vote after an evening of 11 wonderful performances.

The three judges also selected Isabel Christian and Chiffon DeLoatch for their performances, commenting about their tone, power, phrasing and ability to communicate the meaning of their songs.

In fact, it was hard for the judges to choose among a remarkable range of Teaneck talent during an evening great performances. Many audience members commented that this was what "Teaneck is all about" and were "happy that the Teaneck Community Chorus was doing this for the kids."

Anthony Johnson, the evening's host and Channel 7 Eyewitness News reporter, urged everyone to spread the word and have an even bigger crowd next year. "All of these singers make us proud," he said.

Sumner won valuable prizes besides cash: she will receive free registration at the National High School Teen Idol competition June 25-27 at Bergen Community College, the chance to open for a celebrity act at bergenPAC and free recording time at HOB0 audio in New York City.

Sumner is a seventh grader at the Teaneck Community Charter School. She's been singing since age 3, according to her dad. She has performed with the Garage Theater since she was 9 and also attends a Young Artists Workshop at NJPAC.

Sumner was clearly comfortable on stage, yet she was moved to tears upon being named Teaneck Teen Idol.



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Sumner Perera is crowned Teaneck Teen Idol for 2010.



Isabel Christian, top photo, and Chiffon DeLoatch, bottom photo, were chosen as the runners-up for the singing contest that was held last weekend. The judges praised them for their performances, commenting about their tone, power and ability to communicate the meaning of their songs.

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