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## KEAN QUEST VOCAL COMPETITION NOW ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS

*Singers compete for \$1,000 cash, a recording package and the prestigious Jackie Evancho award*

GIBSONIA, Pa. (Richland Twp.), Jan. 15, 2015 – **Kean Quest**, the popular local vocal competition that boasts singing sensation Jackie Evancho, and “The Voice” finalist Chris Jamison, as former contestants - is accepting registrations. Contestants will take to the stage of the Kean Theatre, 5847 Meridian Road, Gibsonia, **Feb. 6 through April 10, 2015**. Presented by St. Barnabas Charities as a fundraising event. Singers will compete for great prizes including a recording package with Grammy award-winning Audible Images, professional head shots, and a \$1,000 grand prize to the Adult Judges’ Choice winner.

Amateur singers of all ages are eligible to perform in the local version of the popular TV hits “American Idol” and “The Voice.” The contest will again offer two categories; a youth competition for ages 18 and under and an adult competition specifically for vocalists ages 19 and above. “Kean Quest Talent Search is an opportunity for individuals of all ages to showcase their vocal talent, gain stage experience and help a local charity. The competition has seen contestants go on to perform at public events in the Pittsburgh area, national competitions and to study abroad. Jackie Evancho, an ‘America’s Got Talent’ finalist, competed in Kean Quest two years and we are honored to present the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Jackie Evancho Award,” said Debbie Panei, Executive Director of Development for St. Barnabas Charities.

For more information or to register, call (724) 625-3770 or visit [www.KeanQuest.com](http://www.KeanQuest.com). There is a \$30 registration fee to enter. Contestants will be included in one preliminary round of competition.

The schedule for Kean Quest 2015:

<b>Friday, Feb. 6</b>	Adult Preliminary, 7 p.m.
<b>Sunday, Feb. 15</b>	Youth Preliminary 1, 2 p.m.
<b>Sunday, Feb. 22</b>	Youth Preliminary 2, 2 p.m.
<b>Sunday, March 1</b>	Youth Preliminary 3, 2 p.m.
<b>Sunday, March 8</b>	Youth Preliminary 4, 2 p.m.
<b>Sunday, March 15</b>	Youth Preliminary 5, 2 p.m.
<b>Sunday, March 15</b>	Youth Preliminary 6, 6:30 p.m.

- Sunday, March 22** Youth Semi-Final 1, 2 p.m.  
Youth Semi-Final 2, 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, March 27** Adult Championship, 7 p.m.
- Friday, April 10** Youth Championship and the Jackie Evancho Award, 7 p.m.

**About St. Barnabas**

St. Barnabas Health System is Pennsylvania's largest health care concern of its kind. Celebrating its 115th year, St. Barnabas is like no other - diverse and expansive - meeting the needs of young retirees through those who require hospice. St. Barnabas' spectrum of care includes four retirement communities, three living assistance facilities, two skilled nursing homes, and a community outpatient medical center. Providing \$6 million in free care annually, St. Barnabas engages in innovative methods to raise money for its Free Care Fund such as The Jackie Evancho award in its Kean Quest Talent Search, The Kean Theatre, The Crystal Conservatories, Rudolph Auto Repair and Beautiful Buys Thrift Shoppes. For more information visit [www.StBarnabasHealthSystem.com](http://www.StBarnabasHealthSystem.com).

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