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KEAN QUEST ADULT VOCAL FINALISTS ANNOUNCED
Patricia Lowery of Pittsburgh wins Audience Choice Award

GIBSONIA, Pa. (Richland Twp.), Feb. 9, 2015 – Kean Quest, the popular local vocal competition that boasts singing sensation Jackie Evancho, and Chris Jamison, “The Voice” finalist, as contestants kicked off its first round of competition in the adult category Friday evening. Entertainers and vocalists ranging in age from 19 to 83 took to the Kean Theatre stage to vie for the coveted title. **Patricia Lowery**, of Pittsburgh, received the Audience Choice Award during the Kean Quest Talent Search preliminary adult competition for singers ages 19 and above. Lowery performed “Natural Woman” by Aretha Franklin. She works as a stylist at Alta Villa Spa and Salon.

Lowery performed with 37 vocalists in the first round of the singing competition Friday, Feb. 6 at the Kean Theatre, 5847 Meridian Road. Based on scores from a panel of judges, Lowery joins 19 finalists to compete in the Adult Championship **Friday, March 27**. The finalists are:

- **Jonathan Beckas**, Pittsburgh
- **Jessi Boldy**, Cabot
- **Nicholas Bramlett**, Pittsburgh
- **Rebecca Covert**, Pittsburgh
- **Caitlyn Delien**, Glenshaw
- **Julia Devine**, McMurray
- **Elena Falgione**, Glenshaw
- **Janet Gail**, Wexford
- **Jay Goettler**, Butler
- **Jack McElroy**, Monroeville
- **Matthew Morris**, Butler
- **Charelle Munnerlyn**, North Braddock
- **J. Paul Pepper**, South Park
- **Alexa Ponick**, Carmichaels
- **Cierra Ritzert**, Karns City
- **Jake Rubenstein**, Pittsburgh
- **Dennis Smalley**, Gibsonia
- **Andrea Wilson**, Fairmont W.Va.
- **Kimberly Zukauckas**, Monongahela

Contestants are competing for a chance to win \$1,000 cash; a recording package with Audible Images, a Grammy award-winning studio; professional head shots with photographer Ray Cordero; and the Kean Quest trophy.

There is still time to register for the **youth** competition (ages 18 and under): Feb. 15, Feb. 22, March 1, March 8, and March 15 by calling 724-625-3770 or by visiting www.KeanQuest.com. The 2015 Kean Quest Talent Search benefits the St. Barnabas Free Care Fund, which provides more than \$6 million to needy patients at St. Barnabas.

The 5th annual “**Jackie Evancho Award,**” named for international singing sensation Jackie Evancho, will be presented at the Youth Finale slated for Friday, **April 10** at 7 p.m. at the Kean Theatre, 5847 Meridian Road, Gibsonia. The “Jackie Evancho Award” is presented to a contestant who, like Jackie, has competed in Kean Quest for two or more years, works hard, never gives up and continues to follow his or her dreams no matter the outcome of the competition.

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Cutline information: Patricia Lowery, of Pittsburgh, received the Audience Choice votes in the 2015 Kean Quest Talent Search Adult Competition held at the Kean Theatre Feb. 6, 2015.