

# KEAN QUEST

★ 2015 ★ TALENT SEARCH

## Kean Quest Finalists Announced For Youth Semi-Final One Shailen Abram wins Audience Choice Award

GIBSONIA, Pa. (Richland Twp.), March 22, 2015 – Kean Quest, the popular local vocal competition that boasts singing sensation Jackie Evancho and Chris Jamison, “The Voice” finalist, continued with its semi-final one round of competition in the youth category Sunday afternoon. Entertainers and vocalists ranging in ages under 18 took to the Kean Theatre stage to vie for the coveted title. Shailen Abram received the Audience Choice Award during the Kean Quest Talent Search semi-final one youth competition for singers ages 18 and under. Abram performed “Lay With Me” by Sam Smith.

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.

Based on scores from a panel of judges, Abram joins 14 other finalists to compete in the Finals April 10, 2015. **The finalists from semi-final one are:**

- Shailen Abram, *Pittsburgh*
- Alexis Burke, *Industry*
- Gabriella Cappelloni, *Pittsburgh*
- Dana DeSantis, *Pittsburgh*
- Rebecca Diak, *Pittsburgh*
- Autumn Duckworth, *Weirton*
- Sara Hopkins, *Pittsburgh*
- Ava Maha, *Sewickley*
- Sabrina Miley, *Morgantown*
- Becky Minda, *Saltsburg*
- Julianna Paul, *McMurray*
- Tyler Pollock, *Chicora*
- Lexi Sattahi, *Seven Fields*
- Abigail Stewart, *Mars*
- Julius Yordnoff, *Pittsburgh*

Contestants are competing for a chance to a recording package with Audible Images, a Grammy award-winning studio; professional head shots with photographer Ray Cordero of Mainline Photography; one month of music or vocal lessons with In-Tune with the Arts Studio; and the Kean Quest trophy.

The 5th annual “Jackie Evancho Award,” named for international singing sensation Jackie Evancho, will be presented at the Youth Finale 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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**SHAILEN ABRAM**  
**Audience Choice**  
Youth Semi-Final 1 - March 22, 2015

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Providing more than \$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, Rudolph Auto Repair, Beautiful Buys Thrift Shoppes and The Chocolate Shoppe.



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