

# KEAN QUEST

★ 2016 ★ VOCAL CONTEST

## Kean Quest Finalists Announced For Youth Semi-Finals 1 Meghan McKenzie wins Audience Choice Award

GIBSONIA, Pa. (Richland Twp.), March 6, 2016 – Kean Quest, the popular local vocal competition that boasts singing sensation Jackie Evancho and Chris Jamison, “The Voice” finalist, kicked off its semi-finals round 1 of competition in the youth category Sunday afternoon. Entertainers and vocalists age 18 and younger took to the Kean Theatre stage to vie for the coveted title. Meghan McKenzie, 12, of Gibsonia, received the Audience Choice Award. McKenzie performed “Lost Boy” by Ruth B. Each round, every audience member can cast a vote for their favorite contestant.

**There is still time to register for the April 15 adult competition (ages 19 and older) by calling 724-625-3770 or by visiting [KeanQuest.com](http://KeanQuest.com).**

The 2016 Kean Quest Talent Search benefits the St. Barnabas Free Care Fund, which provides more than \$6 million to St. Barnabas patients who cannot afford their care.

The finalists from semi-finals round 1 are:

- Annika Batavia, 9, of Seven Fields
- Chloe Bennett, 14, of Pittsburgh
- Paulina Bradley, 10, of Pittsburgh
- Alexander Conte (*Duet*), 18, of Saltsburg
- Diana Craycroft, 14, of Munhall
- Sarah DelFrate, 16, of Pittsburgh
- Madeline Dick, 11, of Pittsburgh
- Autumn Duckworth, 14, of Weirton
- Julia Falgione, 13, of Glenshaw
- Mallory Farah, 9, of Baden
- Bella Gabriel, 14, of Oakdale
- Roma Angelica Hendricks, 10, of Harmony Twp
- Lauren Kuncio, 13, of New Wilmington
- Laura MacKenzie, 7, of Gibsonia
- Meghan McKenzie, 12, of Gibsonia
- Becky Minda (*Duet*), 15, of Saltsburg
- Julianna Paul, 13, of McMurray
- Katie Smith, 18, of Pittsburgh
- Jason Starr, 17, of Mars
- Gracie Thom, 12, of Pittsburgh
- Katie Zemaitis, 16, of Pittsburgh

**To support these finalists and for a chance to cast a vote for your Audience Choice Award favorite, tickets can be purchased by calling 724-625-3770 or by visiting [KeanQuest.com](http://KeanQuest.com).**

Contestants are competing for a chance to win a recording package with Audible Images, a Grammy award-winning studio; professional head shots by F/1.4 Photographics; one month of music or vocal lessons with In-Tune with the Arts Studio; and the Kean Quest trophy.

The 6th annual “Jackie Evancho Award,” named for international singing sensation Jackie Evancho, will be presented at the Youth Finale Friday, April 1 at 7 p.m. at the Kean Theatre, 5847 Meridian Road, Gibsonia. The 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. We’re excited to announce that Jackie will be there this year to present the award.



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St. Barnabas Charities engages in innovative methods to raise money for its Free Care Fund such as the Kean Quest Talent Search, June and September golf opens, St. Barnabas 5K, Fashion Show & Luncheon, Rudolph Auto Repair, and Beautiful Buys Thrift Shoppe. For more information visit [StBarnabasCharities.com](http://StBarnabasCharities.com).



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