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GRAND ISLAND – The Nebraska State Fair and Vision Productions, Inc. announce the 2010 Galaxy of Stars® Talent Search Video Mail-In Contestants who have qualified to advance to the Nebraska State Fair Galaxy of Stars® Talent Search Finals on Saturday, September 4th from 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM, to compete live on the Bristol Windows Stage at Fonner Park in Grand Island in Three Age Divisions, Comets, Shooting Stars.

Over \$5,000.00 in prizes, recording sessions, trophies and cash.

2010 GALAXY OF STARS® TALENT SEARCH HIGHEST SCORING VIDEO CONTESTANTS ADVANCING TO NEBRASKA STATE FAIR FINALS:

COMETS (12 & Under): Kathleen Juhl, Vocal, **Shelton**; Andrea Hoffman, Dance, **Gordon**; Mariclaire & Merrilee Prill, Dance, **Holdrege**. **SHOOTING STARS (13 to 18):** James Buettner, Piano, **Grand Island**; John Schnoor, Vocal, **Hildreth**; Hannah Robbins, Accordion, **Elm Creek**; Hannah Robbins, Vocal, **Elm Creek**; Katie Goesch, Vocal, **Grand Island**; Alex Fegley, Vocal, **Grand Island**; Ellie Benes, Vocal, **Lincoln**; Trey Hunnicutt, Vocal, **Aurora**; Lianna Prill, Vocal, **Holdrege**; Lianna Prill & The M & M's (Mariclaire & Merrilee Prill), Vocal/Dance Group, **Holdrege**; Brekkan Martinosky, Vocal, **Paxton**; Bailey Bond, Vocal, **Clarkson**; Chari Mikkelsen, Vocal, **Hebron**; Weightless (Nick Nagengast, Dakota Burgerhoff, Jacob Pavelik, Alex Hollman), Vocal/Instrumental Group, Bloomfield; Trio + David (Amy Dunn, Colton Martin, Rachel Stevens, David vonBehren), Vocal/Instrumental Group, **Falls City**. **NOVAS (19 & Over):** Risa Mann, Vocal, **Burwell**; Keith Long, Vocal, **Oxford**; Sara Gellinger-Brown, Vocal, **Friend**; Nathan Miller, Vocal, **Grand Island**; Amanda Winter, Vocal, **Hastings**.

Overall Winners from Participating Host Nebraska Talent Shows advancing to the Galaxy of Stars® Talent Search Finals at the Nebraska State Fair are: **SHOOTING STARS:** Kyle Core, Vocal, **Hebron - Hebron Chamber of Commerce "Stars & Stripes" Talent Search**; Tori Wadman, Dance, **Omaha - Saline County Scholarship Program & the Crete Lions Club Talent Show**. **NOVAS:** Kristina Brandl, Vocal, **Humphrey - Clarkson Czech Festival Talent Search**.

SONGWRITING CONTEST: The Top Three Winners of the Galaxy of Stars® Songwriting Contest, in no ranking order: **David City:** Rae Welch - "This Mother's Son," **Falls City:** Amy Dunn - "Enough For Today," **OMAHA:** Royce Swain - "Rosie."

The Top Three Songwriters will showcase their talent on Saturday, September 4th, at the Nebraska State Fair Galaxy of Stars® Talent Search Finals. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Songwriters will be announced and receive their awards during the Finals Awards Ceremony. All Top 15 Songwriters will be acknowledged on stage in ranking order.

Visit www.galaxyofstarstalentsearch.com, the official website of Galaxy of Stars® Talent Search for more information. The 2010 Nebraska State Fair opens August 27th and will run through Labor Day, September 6th. Visit www.statefair.org for more information about the State Fair.