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Welcome to Diva Quest!

What's Diva Quest?

Diva Quest is a vocal scholarship competition for young women in high school who want to showcase their vocal abilities and earn money for school. Since 2007, this scholarship competition has been helping young women cultivate their vocal skills with an emphasis on promoting personal growth and self-confidence.



Determining the Top 10

Open auditions for Diva Quest are held every year from August through November. Once auditions are completed, the judges carefully collaborate and select the ten best contestants to compete in the Diva Quest show the following January/February. After the top ten are notified, rehearsals begin. Each contestant meets with the Diva Quest coaching team to help her select a song that best showcases her ability. After that, the contestants meet with the coaching team weekly to rehearse and prepare for the show.

Tonight's Competition

Each contestant will perform one song tonight. The winners will be determined by a combination of audience votes (20%) and a panel of four judges (80%). The judges will critique each performance using a 10 point scale (10 being perfect) in five different areas: 1) Song Choice; 2) Intonation; 3) Tone Flow; 4) Vocal Style; 5) Visual Presentation. Cash scholarships will be awarded at the end of the night to the top four finishers in today's competition.

Judges

Tonight's judges are: **Micah Gebel, Rachel Christine Gebel, Jenny Hoffman** and **Brian Lynch**. Thanks to each of them for contributing their time and talents toward making Diva Quest 2024 a success! Best wishes to all finalists tonight. Be sure to show them your love and appreciation with hearty applause and support. They have worked hard and we appreciate all of the finalists' talent & dedication!



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Tonight's Program

2024 Diva Quest Top Ten Finalists

Walking on Sunshine (arr. Mac Huff)

Riverport Chorus

Beer Barrel Polka (arr. Nancy Bergman)

Sweet Dreams (arr. Deke Sharon & Anne Raugh)

When the Red Red Robin Comes Bob Bob Bobbin' Along
(arr. Dot Calvin)

2024 Diva Quest Contestants

Finalist #1 - **EMMA ROBERS**

Finalist #2 - **ELLA MALLIET**

Finalist #3 - **KENDRA MEYER**

Finalist #4 - **ASIA GOODWIN**

Finalist #5 - **YOCELIN VALDEZ**

Finalist #6 - **DANIELLE GIBSON**

Finalist #7 - **ANA PUCETTI**

Finalist #8 - **EMILY SELF**

Finalist #9 - **MEREDITH SULLIVAN**

Finalist #10 - **NORAH PEREGRIN**

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Please cast your ballots, meet the finalists & visit our bake sale!

Gebel Girls

Serena Vasquez

Swan Song Performance by our 2023 Diva Quest Winner

~ *Announcement of Winners* ~

Riverport Chorus, Serena Vasquez & 2024 Divas

Brave (arr. Carole Prietto)

2024 Diva Quest Finalists



**Finalist
No. 1**

**EMMA
Robers**

Emma Robers from Elkhorn Area High School sings in the choir at school and has also enjoyed roles in *Seussical* and *Elf: The Musical*. She also plays volleyball, volunteers in the Key Club, and loves horseback riding. After high school she hopes to have a future in the medical field.



**Finalist
No. 2**

**ELLA
Malliet**

Ella Malliet goes to Shoreland Lutheran High School. Ella hopes to become a chiropractor and keeps busy between volleyball, dance, weight lifting, soccer, student council, singing, playing viola and the piano, in addition to other clubs, baking and embroidery.

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KENDRA Meyer

Finalist
No. 3

Kendra Meyer is a student at Waukesha South High School. Kendra is part of the Academy of Health Professionals at school, where she also sings in the choir, participates in theater productions, and plays on the tennis team. She hopes to study a health or music related major when she gets to college.



ASIA Goodwin

Finalist
No. 4

Asia Goodwin hails from Waukesha South High School. Asia is the Choir President at her school and also enjoys performing in plays and musicals, and playing sports like wrestling.



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Finalist
No. 5

YOCELIN
Valdez

Yocelin Valdez attends Waukesha South High School. In addition to singing, Yocelin is an accomplished soccer player and also loves to dance. After high school, Yocelin hopes to study veterinary medicine as well as music production in college.



Finalist
No. 6

DANIELLE
Gibson

Danielle Gibson is a Libertyville High School student. Danielle loves to sing and dance and hopes to attend college in New England and study acting and accounting. Danielle also enjoys playing sports like swimming and badminton.

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ANA Pucetti

Finalist
No. 7

Vernon Hills High School student Ana Pucetti grew up in São Paulo, Brazil and started taking singing lessons at age 10. Since moving to the U.S., she has also learned how to play the piano. She hopes to study kinesiology after high school and become a physical therapist. In addition to singing, Ana enjoys lifting weights and reading books.



EMILY Self

Finalist
No. 8

Hailing from Antioch Community High School, Emily Self enjoys writing, acting, thrifting, redecorating, and of course music. In the future, Emily hopes to become an interior designer or an elementary school teacher while still being involved in music.



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2024 Diva Quest Finalists



Finalist
No. 9

MEREDITH
Sullivan

Meredith Sullivan attends Wilmot Union High School. In addition to singing, Meredith plays several instruments, is involved in theater, and also enjoys horseback riding. She hopes to study elementary education as well as psychology or photography in college.



Finalist
No. 10

NORAH
Peregrin

Norah Peregrin goes to Wilmot Union High School. She has always loved music, and singing makes her happy. Norah is planning to go to college but is currently unsure of what or where she wants to study.

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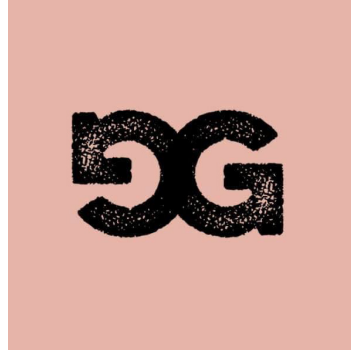


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Both of the Gebel Girls also happen to be previous winners of the Diva Quest competition – Micah in 2011 (here at Journey Church!) and Rachel Christine in 2018. In addition, Rachel was a finalist on the hit NBC show *The Voice* last year. Thanks for joining us today, Gebel Girls!



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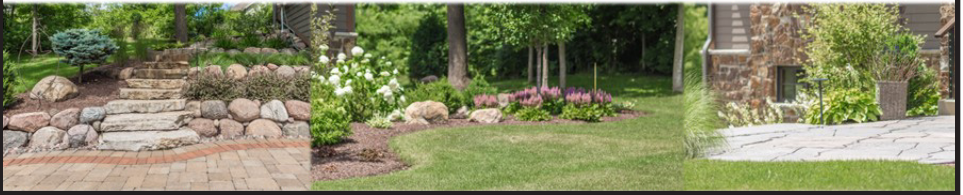
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2023 Diva Quest Champion

SERENA **Vasquez**

Last January, Serena Vasquez won the 2023 Diva Quest scholarship competition in her senior year at Racine Horlick High School. Serena previously competed in Diva Quest as a freshman in 2020 just before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, placing third.



She is now a freshman studying musical theater at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee as she works toward her goal of some day singing in the music industry. Riverport thanks Serena for being an outstanding champion and proponent of Diva Quest.



Diva Quest Co-Chairs

Lisa Mushel & Sue Nelson

This mother/daughter team have been the co-chairs of Diva Quest since the program's inception in 2007. They are very proud of how Diva Quest has grown and evolved over the years, and look forward to building on the over \$35,000 in scholarships that the program has awarded over the years.

Nelson's wishes best of luck to all finalists!

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Director **Laurel Peterson**

Emcee **Paul Bleadow**

Photographer **David Beckman**

Tickets **Pat O'Dowd & Sue Williams**

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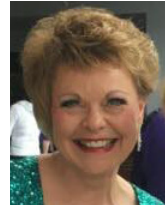
Team Manager **Julie Quesenberry**

Treasurer & Bake Sale **Renee Juvan**

Afterglow **Kirsten Velardo**



*Diva Quest mentors
Mindi Billock &
Nicole Heyl*



*Diva Quest mentor
Susan Musgrave*

Riverport Chorus Members

Luella Billock	Jules Kuney	Lindsey Ramsak
Mindi Billock	June Lawlor	Rebecca Reckamp
Rozanne Bird	Michele Meucci	Pat Reigel
Sharon Bowe	Susan Musgrave	Patti Schmidt
Lois Brennan	Sue Nelson	Tammy Thomas
Diane Dunk	Connie Nold	Sarah Urban
Joey Freund	Pat O'Dowd	Sue Vandenboom
Julie Fugate	Diane Pawasarat	Kirsten Velardo
Dona Grebe	Carolyn Perrine	Sue Williams
Nicole Heyl	Laurel Peterson	Jennifer Wine
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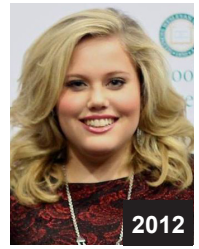
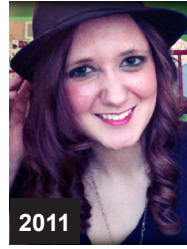
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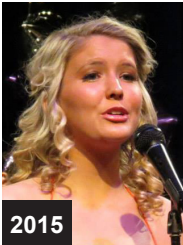
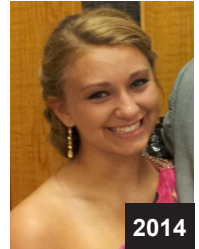
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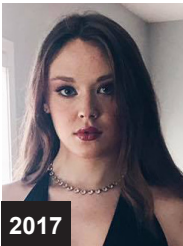
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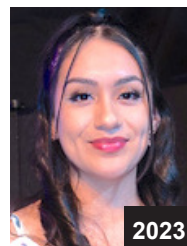
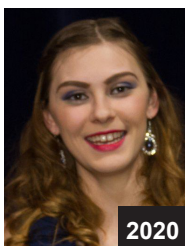
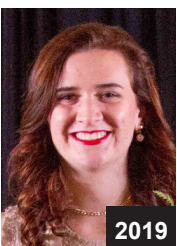
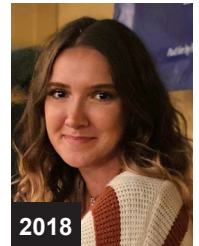
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2008 – **Niccole Galvan**
2009 – **Arielle Hutchings**
2010 – **Kitchiana Howard**



2011 – **Micah Gebel**
2012 – **Haley Miller**
2013 – **Hanna Lindell**
2014 – **Jenna Lindell**
2015 – **Rebecca Brewer**
2016 – **Marissa Lake**



2017 – **Genevieve Heyward**
2018 – **Rachel Gebel**
2019 – **Liv Shreve**
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