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“AMERICAN IDOL” TOP 12 FINALISTS REVEALED

**KATELYN EPPERLY, TODRICK HALL, ALEX LAMBERT AND LILLY SCOTT
ARE ELIMINATED FROM COMPETITION**

**TOP 12 PERFORM LIVE TUESDAY, MARCH 16, ON FOX;
NEXT RESULTS SHOW WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17**

Tonight, AMERICAN IDOL revealed this season’s Top 12 finalists (Didi Benami, Crystal Bowersox, Lacey Brown, Lee Dewyze, Andrew Garcia, Casey James, Aaron Kelly, Michael Lynche, Siobhan Magnus, Paige Miles, Katie Stevens and Tim Urban) as Katelyn Epperly, Todrick Hall, Alex Lambert and Lilly Scott were eliminated from the competition after receiving the fewest of America’s votes. The AMERICAN IDOL journey has ended for Epperly, 19, from West Des Moines, IA, who sang “I Feel The Earth Move”; Hall, 24, from Arlington, TX, who sang “Somebody To Love”; Lambert, 19, from North Richland Hills, TX, who sang “Trouble”; and Scott, 20, from Denver, CO, who sang “I Fall To Pieces.”

On Tuesday, March 16 (8:00-10:00 PM ET live/PT tape-delayed), a new IDOL stage will be revealed and America’s Top 12 will take the stage to perform songs by The Rolling Stones.

And starting tonight, for the first time ever, IDOL show themes will be on iTunes along with playlists of original songs by the original artists from which the contestants may choose. iTunes Store customers will be able to purchase and download songs and playlists for IDOL show themes in advance, giving fans the opportunity to preview and download the same music the contestants will be listening to as they make their all-important song choices.

Tune in the following night, Wednesday, March 17 (9:00-10:00 PM ET live/PT tape-delayed), to the live results show to find out who receives enough votes to stay in the competition and who is sent home.

The AMERICAN IDOL Top 12 finalists are:

Didi Benami

Hometown: Knoxville, TN

Currently Resides: Los Angeles, CA

Age: 23



Songs Performed: “The Way I Am” by Ingrid Michaelson (Feb. 23), “Lean On Me” by Bill Withers (March 3) and “Rhiannon” by Fleetwood Mac (March 9)

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Crystal Bowersox

Hometown: Elliston, OH

Currently Resides: Toledo, OH

Age: 24



Songs Performed: “Hand In My Pocket” by Alanis Morissette (Feb. 23), “Long As I Can See The Light” by Creedence Clearwater Revival (March 3) and “Give Me One Reason” by Tracy Chapman (March 9)

Lacey Brown

Hometown: Amarillo, TX

Currently Resides: Amarillo, TX

Age: 24



Songs Performed: “Landslide” by Fleetwood Mac (Feb. 23), “Kiss Me” by Sixpence None The Richer (March 3) and “The Story” by Brandi Carlile (March 9)

Lee Dewyze

Hometown: Chicago, IL

Currently Resides: Mount Prospect, IL

Age: 23



Songs Performed: “Chasing Cars” by Snow Patrol (Feb. 24), “Lips Of An Angel” by Hinder (March 2) and “Fireflies” by Owl City (March 10)

Andrew Garcia

Hometown: Moreno Valley, CA

Currently Resides: Moreno Valley, CA

Age: 24



Songs Performed: “Sugar, We’re Going Down” by Fall Out Boy (Feb. 24), “You Give Me Something” by James Morrison (March 2) and “Genie In A Bottle” by Christina Aguilera (March 10)

Casey James

Hometown: Fort Worth, TX

Currently Resides: Fort Worth, TX

Age: 27



Songs Performed: “Heaven” by Bryan Adams (Feb. 24), “I Don’t Want To Be” by Gavin DeGraw (March 2) and “You’ll Think Of Me” by Keith Urban (March 10)

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Aaron Kelly

Hometown: Sonestown, PA

Currently Resides: Sonestown, PA

Age: 16



Songs Performed: “Here Comes Goodbye” by Rascal Flatts (Feb. 24), “My Girl” by The Temptations (March 2) and “I’m Already There” by Lonestar (March 10)

Michael Lynche

Hometown: St. Petersburg, FL

Currently Resides: Astoria, NY

Age: 26



Songs Performed: “This Love” by Maroon 5 (Feb. 24), “It’s A Man’s Man’s Man’s World” by James Brown (March 2) and “This Woman’s Work” by Maxwell (March 10)

Siobhan Magnus

Hometown: Cape Cod, MA

Currently Resides: Marstons Mills, MA

Age: 19



Songs Performed: “Wicked Game” by Chris Isaak (Feb. 23), “Think” by Aretha Franklin (March 3) and “House Of The Rising Sun” by The Animals (March 9)

Paige Miles

Hometown: Naples, FL

Currently Resides: Houston, TX

Age: 24



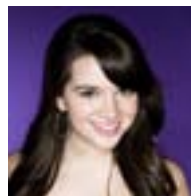
Songs Performed: “All Right Now” by Free (Feb. 23), “Walk Away” by Kelly Clarkson (March 3) and “Smile” by Charlie Chaplin (March 9)

Katie Stevens

Hometown: Middlebury, CT

Currently Resides: Middlebury, CT

Age: 17



Songs Performed: “Feeling Good” by Michael Bublé (Feb. 23), “Put Your Records On” by Corinne Bailey Rae (March 3) and “Breakaway” by Kelly Clarkson (March 9)

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Tim Urban

Hometown: Duncanville, TX

Currently Resides: Duncanville, TX

Age: 20



Songs Performed: “Apologize” by OneRepublic (Feb. 24), “Come On Get Higher” by Matt Nathanson (March 2) and “Hallelujah” by Jeff Buckley (March 10)

AMERICAN IDOL is created and executive-produced by Simon Fuller, founder of 19 Entertainment; and executive-produced by Cecile Frot-Coutaz, CEO, FremantleMedia North America; and Ken Warwick, executive producer, FremantleMedia North America.

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