



Yucca's Got Talent show proves Yucca Valley does indeed have talent

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Singer, pianist and song writer Claire Davidson took first place in the first Yucca Valley's Got Talent show. She receives a \$300 check and trophy from event coordinator and Hi-Desert Nature Museum Supervisor Lynne Richardson. Davidson performed one of her own original compositions called "Eisoptrophobia" which is as an abnormal and persistent fear of mirrors.

YUCCA VALLEY — The first Yucca Valley's Got Talent show was a fun family event that gave people the opportunity to show off their hidden talents. The auditions were from 12:30 to 5 p.m. The three judges narrowed down the performances to 10 for the evening final at 7 p.m.

Sabrina Anne was the first of the evening's final competitors. She sang a beautiful version of "Womans Worth."

Joel Daniel, AKA Marine Sandpiper, performed an exuberant, foot-stomping, face-reddening medley on his bagpipes.

Samina (Leslie Wilson) performed a wonderfully seductive belly dance to some appreciative cat-calls.

Flautist Miriam Taylor played a flawless rendition of Claude Debussy's "Syrinx."

Richard Brewer was one of the most original acts. He is a comedic cowboy who gave an hysterical recitation of the classic tale "Cinderella," called "Rindacella."

Claire Davidson is a singer, pianist and song writer who performed an original work called "Eisoptrophobia," which is the fear of looking at your reflection in the mirror.

Kaylin Moffitt, 13, performed a beautiful version of "Hallelujah" from the "Shrek" movie series.

Barry Shaw is a pharmacist by day and a country western singer and guitarist by night. He performed a 1962 country single by Marty Robbins.

David McChesney is known for his nature photography and as an author, but he can also knock your socks off with his electric harmonica. McChesney played a nine-song medley in 4 1/2 minutes.

Best friends Emily Sheckley and Kiersten King danced and sang to a medley of "Someone Like You," "Rumor Has It," and "Glee Matchup."

The finalists were selected by the judges and by audience votes tallied after all the performances.

David McChesney took third place, Joel Daniel the Marine Sandpiper won second place and the song stylings of Claire Davidson won first place receiving a \$300 check and a trophy.

Davidson's voice is very special and the judges had a hard time believing she wasn't a professional. "Not yet," she responded.