



**22nd ANNUAL**

# ***Future Stars***

**PERFORMING ARTS COMPETITION**



**March 28, 2026**

**Countess de Hoernle Theatre  
Spanish River High School  
Boca Raton**



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to all of tonight's performers!*

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Westin Fengler, President*

*The Rotary Club of Boca Raton 2025-2026*



I would like to personally thank you for attending the 22nd Annual Future Stars Performing Arts Competition! This special event is brought to you by The Rotary Club of Boca Raton with special thanks to Chris Maners who has taken the lead for this exceptional event this year. The Arts are alive here in Boca Raton with another year of local student performers that bring their talent to a new venue, the beautiful Countess de Hoernle Theater.

This event certainly delivers and inspires and is one of our signature events every year. This evening, we are fortunate to see, hear and witness many talented performers. These singers and dancers have worked hard to get here, and we are excited to witness their performances. The Rotary Club of Boca Raton is a staunch supporter of education and the arts.

We are proud to support the efforts of these students with scholarships to take them one step further to get them their college degree in the performing arts. Over the years we have seen many Shining Stars perform here and go on to become professionals.

I would like to take a moment to thank my fellow Rotarians, sponsors and all the volunteers who have made this evening possible. At Rotary, our motto is “service above self” and we truly know you will enjoy yourselves!

## WHAT IS ROTARY?

**ROTARY** is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide, who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

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**FUTURE  
STARS**  
Performing Arts Competition

WELCOME



ACT ONE



INTERMISSION



FEATURED PERFORMER  
YAIR KEYDAR



ACT TWO



FEATURED PERFORMER  
YAIR KEYDAR



AWARDS PRESENTATION

## ACT ONE

PERFORMER	TYPE	SONG/DANCE NAME
Auriella Neu	Rising Stars Vocal	Home
Kaia Arora	Rising Stars Dance	Viva La Vida
Alle Rose Landrum	Rising Stars Vocal	Fit Right In
Analeigh Caseram	Rising Stars Dance	Is it Too Late?
Zoe Schutt	Rising Stars Vocal	Don't Rain On My Parade
Sofia Defossey	Rising Stars Dance	The End of Love
Lucas Knight	Rising Stars Vocal	Feeling Good
St. Andrews Dance	Dance Group	Imagine
Izzy Ford	Rising Stars Dance	Raindrops
Larissa Wheeless	Rising Stars Vocal	Amor
Calista Marowitz	Rising Stars Dance	Into The Abyss
Yulia Yan	Rising Stars Dance	Life In Full Bloom
Liya Mizrachi	Rising Stars Vocal	New Day Will Rise
Precision Dance	Dance Group	Dive In The Pool
Antonella Morel	Premier Stars Vocal	Hopelessly Devoted to You

## INTERMISSION



★ ★ **FEATURED PERFORMER** ★ ★



## **Yair Keydar**

At just 13 years old, Yair Keydar has already dazzled audiences at New York's iconic Central Park SummerStage and in concert halls across the United States and Canada.

A standout performer with Broadway Bound Academy in Boca Raton, he starred as Harold Hill in *The Music Man Jr.* Yair made his Off-Broadway debut in *Drag: The Musical*. He went on to play Anthony in the world premiere musical *Millions*, created by Tony Award winning composer and lyricist Adam Guettel, earning attention for his emotional depth and vocal versatility. He also performed with legendary soprano Sarah Brightman.

Yair recently gained national recognition as a two-time champion and standout contestant on Netflix's *Star Search*.



*Salutes Our*



Georgie and Rick Taylor - Creators  
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The Rotary Club of Boca Raton acknowledges  
the following people and organizations who have made the  
2026 Future Stars Performing Arts Competition possible.

Westin Fengler, President, Rotary Club of Boca Raton  
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for their time and dedication to make Future Stars a classic event.



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## OUR JUDGES



### DANIELLE JOLIE DALE-HANCOCK

Danielle Jolie Dale-Hancock has over 40 years of experience as a successful professional performer, choreographer, director and producer who prides herself on trying to be innovative and an influential networker. Her career started as a Star Search Dance Finalist on CBS and member of Hubbard Street Dance Company Chicago after attending the “Fame” Performing Arts High School in NYC.

As a graduate from the University of Michigan, Mrs. Dale-Hancock has worked with the finest choreographers: Twyla Tharp, Judith Jamieson, Susan Stroman, Daniela Graciela, Kathleen Marshall, and Jerry Mitchell. While being a Radio City Rockette, Dance Captain, Choreographer, and Director for 18 years she earned an MFA from NYU Tisch on a Full Merit Scholarship. In addition, Danielle has performed in numerous musicals, including the Original Broadway Cast of Saturday Night Fever, the World Premiere Tour of Contact, and the World and American Premiere of Ragtime. Besides performing for the Rockettes at the Flamingo Hilton in Las Vegas, Danielle has also performed in countless television productions: such as the Tony Awards, Oscars, and well over 10 Thanksgiving Day Parades and Today Show appearances.

Danielle made history being the first person to dance with the Rockettes and the Knicks City Dancers (Dance Captain and Choreographer) at the same time.

Honored with the Top 5 Under 10 and M.A.D. (Making A Difference) in Performing Arts Awards from the University of Michigan, and herself a former Miss New York USA Teen, Danielle has a broad range of accomplishments. A former Executive Director of the Miss American Pageant where she crowned the 2009 Miss New York, Danielle was also the Resident Choreographer at the Jewish Community Centers (JCC) in Boca Raton and Boynton Beach. Mrs. Dale-Hancock’s expertise is wide and incomparable as she is also the owner/operator of a successful Pilates/Barre studio, VIP Pilates, in Boca Raton for the past 11 years which recently honored by Boca Raton Observer. As an Assistant Professor at Lynn University and Director of the Dance Department Mrs. Dale-Hancock is a jack of all trades who has worked in all facets of the Entertainment Industry with current connections in all areas as she has also had appearances in numerous TV shows. One of her favorite notable connections was successfully bringing Ms. Chita Rivera to Lynn University as a Talk Back and Educational Master Class Event. Danielle is beyond honored to once again be part of Future Stars!

## OUR JUDGES



### RITA DiDOMINIC

Rita, originally from Western Pennsylvania, is thrilled to be judging The Future Stars competition again. She has been a jazz vocalist in South Florida since 1998 and is currently singing with Brazilian Voices since 2020. She loves the bossa nova and has had the opportunity to sing with the group at Carnegie Hall and last year in Sao

Paulo, Brazil.

Rita taught music and theater for Palm Beach Schools for many years where she directed many successful plays, as well as conducted her award winning jazz choir. Rita holds a Masters Degree in Film and Television and has recorded two CD's "Valentine Baby" and "So Many Stars".

Rita is currently a private vocal and acting coach, and her joy in life is mentoring her students to achieve success. She has one son, Nico, who is performing stand up comedy in New York City. She believes music and art are critical to bringing peace and healing to our world.

## OUR JUDGES



### LAUREN HENRY

Lauren hails from Long Island, NY, and grew up in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. Her journey has taken her across the country — and beyond — having lived in London, Manhattan, Chicago, and Los Angeles, where she pursued a career in acting and producing. She recently relocated to sunny South Florida and now calls Delray Beach home.

Lauren's love for the entertainment world began at just five years old, taking ballet and tap classes and performing in recitals — her favorite role being a tapping toy soldier. By the age of seven, she was auditioning for every school play she could. Her big break came in third grade when she was cast as Lily and understudied the lead role in *Annie*. From there, she shined in starring roles such as Marion in *The Music Man*, Rizzo in *Grease*, and Liesl in *The Sound of Music*.

Her passion for musical theater only grew stronger, leading her to Syracuse University's prestigious theater program, where she also minored in T.V., Radio and Film at the renowned Newhouse School of Communications. She further honed her craft in London, studying with faculty from the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts at Syracuse's Notting Hill Gate program.

Lauren's first professional break came when she landed a role as a cruise staff singer with Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines, performing as a backup singer for the legendary Ben Vereen and Mary Wilson of The Supremes. She was later awarded her own one-woman cabaret show, which she performed on Holland America Cruise Line and reprised on Silversea Cruises.

She eventually made her way back to New York City, where she performed her cabaret show at the iconic Don't Tell Mama in the heart of the theater district. Her film and television credits include roles in *The Doors* (alongside Meg Ryan and Val Kilmer), *The Pelican Brief* (with Julia Roberts and Denzel Washington), and appearances on hit TV shows such as *The Big Bang Theory*, *Grace & Frankie*, *Glee*, and *Grey's Anatomy*.

Lauren is absolutely thrilled to be a part of Future Stars 2025 and can't wait to witness the incredible young talent that South Florida has to offer!

## OUR JUDGES



### PATRICIA WAKELY WOLF

Patricia Wakely Wolf is an award-winning playwright for her first full-length play, *Closed Casket*. Patricia's ten-minute plays produced: *Rough Magic*, part of "Quoting Shakespeare" – Short Plays Derived From The Bard's Words at Pompano Beach Cultural Center; *Not Yet Dead* and *Celebrity Patch* by Group Repertory Theatre; *Not Yet Dead* featured at the Playwrights' Slam at The Kennedy Center's 10th Annual Page-to-Stage festival and Pinky Swear Productions' SWEAR IT! Smörgåsbord. Short plays published: *No Rules*-Inspired by Mary Cassatt for 365 Women A Year: A Playwriting Project and *Befuddled*, in City Theatre Anthology 2015. One Minute Plays produced: *Looting Pass*, part of Live from the Anarchist Jurisdiction, a Collaboration between the Dramatists Guild and #1 Minute Play Festival; *Color TV*; *Pot*; *I'll Say Anything to Get Your Vote*; *The ER Club*; *What's It Called Again?*; *Not So Fast*; *Please Change My Name*; *All About the Dress*; *Again, Mom?* and *Normal Lawyer* at South Florida One-Minute Play Festival in Miami; *The Hill* featured at Flash Fest 2015 at Manhattan Theatre Club; *Buttons* featured at Theatre J, Washington, DC. Patricia's full-length play, *Stung & Wounded*, was selected for South Florida Theatre League's Summer Theatre Fest 2015 and a staged reading was performed at Main Street Playhouse in Miami Lakes. A series of her 10-minute plays, including *Drowned or Just Wet?*, *Love in the Ether*, *Memories in Storage*, *My Father And Her Husband?*, *Table Manners*, *Crockpot Marriage*, *Funeral Makeup*, *Red Rover*, *Celebrity Patch*, and *Lionel & Blondie* have had readings in South Florida, Washington, DC and Los Angeles. Patricia participated in several spoken word evenings that included her original works, *Leap of Faith* and *Parenting*, at Spark Off Rose in Los Angeles. Patricia is an actor/model in South and Central Florida and has appeared in several commercials and print ads for Simply Healthcare with Magic Johnson. Additional commercial work: Publix Pharmacy, Baptist Health, ABC Fine Wines & Spirits, Benefits Network, Treasure Hunt, Stuffaloons, Flex 24, "I'm Dead, Now What?" Book, Nativity Cross Necklace, Pressure Denture, Instant 911 and Asset Recovery. Additional print work includes Stori Modern Furniture, Dixie Paper, Enterprise Solutions, Xarelto/Arnold Palmer Testimonial, UF Hospital, and Rio Brand. Member: The Dramatists Guild and Stage 32. Board Member: Shakespeare Troupe, Inc.



Dr. Dennis Frisch  
Future Stars  
Master of Ceremony  
and  
2010 OPAL Recipient



## What is Community Service?

*“Everyone can be great, because everyone can serve.”*

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Community service** is an opportunity to bring improvement on so many levels. Clearly this service helps the community. That is the definition. But your service is really what **CREATES** community. There is the sense and feeling that your own community has improved by your service. Your service has helped someone in need. But you have also improved yourself.

Each and every one of us has something to offer. It doesn't have to be monetary. A helping hand, sharing, caring or even just a smile can serve someone's immediate need.

*“The happiest people don't have the best of everything, they just make the best of everything they have.”*

A friend of mine put it all in perspective when he said, his goal was to spend the next thirty years helping his community by providing service with his dearest friends.

We all have the chance to serve our community daily.

***Start small. But start. And start today.....***

## **“Changing Lives and Building Futures” Scholarship Program**

Since 1998, the RCBR has been underwriting college scholarships for deserving students through the Club’s “Changing Lives and Building Futures.” This is all possible due to our generous donors and Rotarian members.

This year our Rotary Club committed over \$240,000 for scholarships to students at Palm Beach State College, Florida Atlantic University and Boca Helping Hands. To date 575 scholars have been awarded over \$1.9 million dollars.

Through our diversified scholarship programs at Palm Beach State College we are Changing Lives throughout Palm Beach County.

1. Ten - \$2,000 scholarships for students seeking traditional Associate or 4-year degrees
2. Twelve - \$7,000 scholarships to students in the trades career programs: HVAC Technology, Automotive Mechanics and Marine Services Technology. Beyond tuition, scholarships in all trade programs include professional quality tools, exams and certifications for students who meet the criteria by achieving required grades and submitting an essay describing their passion for their chosen field and dedication to personal excellence.
3. Eight - \$7,000 to Paramedic students who have successfully completed the EMT and Firefighter Academy at PBSC and who submit an essay describing their passion for their becoming a Paramedic/Firefighter
4. Our Club will continue to award \$5,000 to the department of Computer Sciences for students seeking Network Administrator AS Degree. This award will provide fifteen to twenty students who have successfully completed courses within the program to receive a certification in the CompTIA Industry.
5. For the first time the Boca West Childrens Foundation and the Rotary Club are funding \$28,000 to give High Schools students the opportunity to receive a full scholarship in the Career Trade Programs.

Our Rotary Club has also committed over \$20,000 to Florida Atlantic University for students seeking traditional four-year degrees on the Boca Raton Campus.

In additional, we are partnering with Boca Helping Hands with a \$25,000 donation for BHH Career programs to give their clients a helping hand up out of dependance to independent living.

Additionally, scholarship recipients are paired with a Rotarian mentor providing personal and career guidance, which is particularly helpful as many individuals are first generation students. The mentors and mentees meet to discuss what is required to help the students maintain their scholarship and be successful while attending college.

Pia Giannone, Scholarship Liaison Chair, understands the importance of community partners and the significance that scholarships can change a person’s life today and tomorrow. “Investing in education is the greatest gift we can give young people today.”

The Rotary Club of Boca Raton has been making our community a better place to live, work and play since 1957.



## *Did You Know?*

The Rotary Club of Boca Raton was founded in 1957 and has been committed to **“Changing Lives & Building Futures”** by providing local youth scholarship assistance and participating in Community Service Projects.

Its 80+ members consist of business leaders, experts in their respective fields, retired entrepreneurs and military veterans who magically pull their resources and special skills together to create “magical and meaningful” contributions to Boca Raton.

### **The Rotary Club of Boca Raton Changing lives and Building Futures BY THE NUMBERS**

Founded	1957
Members	90
New members this year	7
Active scholars/scholarships	48
Total scholarships awarded since inception	331
Total scholarship dollars awarded since inception	\$1,500,000.00
PBSC Career Programs (Auto Mechanics, Marine Science Tech, and HVAC)	\$50,000.00
Active Mentors	38
Donated to Team Brooke Thabit Therapy Pool	\$50,000.00
Donated to Fight Polio Internationally	\$ 9000.00
Donated Hospital Beds and medicine for clinic in Tanzania	\$ 7000.00
Donated to Cat Island Orphanage for impact windows, doors and a sewer system	\$37,000.00
Annual donation to “Dirty Mechanics” Robotics Team	\$ 4000.00
Dictionaries provided annually to third graders	545
Annual meals served at Boca Helping Hands	1800+
Donation to Boca Raton Library Children’s Reading Room	\$50,000.00
Donation to Rotary Carousel at Sugar Sand Park	\$36,000.00
Donation to establish FAU Football Team	\$50,000.00
District Awards	2

To learn more about Rotary, and our Club’s on-going efforts to **Change Lives and Build Futures** in Boca Raton, visit [www.rotaryclubbocaraton.com](http://www.rotaryclubbocaraton.com) or email [info@rotaryclubbocaraton.com](mailto:info@rotaryclubbocaraton.com).



Congratulations to our shining star, Mia!

You light up every room you enter, not just with your talent, but with your heart, your joy, and that beautiful smile that brightens our world every single day. Watching you follow your passion fills us with pride beyond words.

Never stop being exactly who you are, brave, kind, funny and full of light. The world is yours to inspire.

We love you always, Mami and Papi



*We are so proud of you  
and all your hard work!  
Keep shining bright  
and working towards your dreams!*

*Love,  
Mom, Dad, Jeremiah, and Caleb*



*Congratulations  
Sophia Li!*

*We are very proud of you!*

*Thank you  
Rotary Club Boca Raton  
for the Future Stars experience!*

*"I slept  
and I dreamed that life is all joy.  
I woke  
and I saw that life is all service.  
I served  
and I saw that service is joy."*



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and  
Island Hurricane Shelter**

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**Ken Davis, Past President, 561-368-6686**

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Rotary Club of Boca Raton is proud to continue its decades long support of young performers through its scholarships and the Future Stars Program. Again this year, the Club will award a one-year performing arts scholarship to a local student. The 2026 application will be available on the Scholarship page of the Rotary Club of Boca Raton website at

<https://rotaryclubbocaraton.com/2072/Page/Show?ClassCode=Page&Slug=scholarships>

Eligibility requirements are:

- (1) Distinction in the areas of service, academics and commitment to the performing arts;
- (2) Applicants must be either a resident of the greater Boca Raton area, OR have participated in the Future Stars Performing Arts Competition. Students living outside the greater Boca Raton area may apply if they have previously participated in Future Stars (auditioning only or as a finalist), including in a dance group number. Please indicate in the application what year(s) you participated in the Future Stars Program;
- (3) Applicants must be entering a performing arts program at the college level;
- (4) Applicants must have financial need.

The one-year scholarship will be awarded in the successful applicant's first year in college and will be at least \$1,000, and up to \$2,000. We encourage eligible students to apply for the scholarship.

Please direct any questions to  
Rotary member Chris Maners, 561-573-0774.



## **THANK YOU RICK TAYLOR! FOUNDER OF FUTURE STARS**

Future Stars started 21 years ago as a dream by 2003-2004 Rotary Club president Rick Taylor as a grassroots youth performing arts competition for students like his daughter, who was then a budding high school vocalist. Rick believed that talented young people deserved more and better productions in which to showcase and develop their talents. Future Stars was born from this goal. The mission of Rotary's Future Stars Performing Arts Competition is to give South Florida's most talented high school and middle school performers a professional quality production worthy of their amazing talent!



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Through its grants to the Boca Raton Rotary Fund, Inc., Rotary has been able to award 4-year scholarships to FAU and Palm Beach State College and trade program scholarships at PBSC, complete with mentorship, internship, and leadership opportunities.



Thank you for investing in our future community leaders.