



JUDGES

The Judges for the Rising Stars Talent Competition are extremely involved throughout the entire process. They don't just 'show up and vote'. Far from it. From the auditions to the finals, the judges are completely hands on to help the Rotary Club and its fundraiser in any capacity they can. And it doesn't stop there. Year-round, they continue their involvement to improve the process and to encourage returning and new talent in the Austin and surrounding areas. If there's an opportunity to help educate, motivate, or showcase talent seen at this annual event, these judges are available and eager.

Patrick Harrison, Head Judge



Patrick Harrison has over 23 years of invaluable experience in the Entertainment Industry; actor, producer, director, casting director. Patrick was involved in the team that launched Judge Judy to the #1 show in syndication, and has been involved in casting for Paramount Studios Television and NBC Network Television. Mr. Harrison continues to passionately build his entertainment career and collaborate creatively with some of the best talent in the industry. Patrick is the Director of Branding and Public Relations for the Rotary District 5870-Central Texas.

Cathie Sheridan is an award-winning Austin singer, actor, music director, choreographer, and voice teacher. Over her 35-year career, Cathie has created a wide variety of leading ladies in productions of *Sweeney Todd* (Mrs. Lovett), *Carrie* (Margaret White), *Urinetown* (Pennywise), *Man of La Mancha* (Aldonza/Dulcinea), *Steel Magnolias* (M'Lynn Eatenton), *Into The Woods* (Witch). She has understudied Broadway legend Stephanie J. Block (9 to 5, Pirate Queen), and shared the stage with Broadway stars Rebecca Luker and Jim Watson (Music Man), and Patrick Cassidy (Carousel). Married to History Channel's *American Daredevils* Star, Dr Danger, Cathie has found her theatre skills come in handy in the world of reality television.



Cathie Sheridan, Judge



DR DANGER

Celebrity Judge



During his 27-year LIVE stunt show career, Dr Danger’s mind-blowing work has caught the attention of [CBS Sunday Morning](#), MTV Nitro Circus, National Geographic, and Fuel TV, to name a few. He was a creator, producer, and talent on History Channel’s American Daredevils, and was most recently seen on NBC, shocking Howard Stern with his school bus jump on Season 10 of America’s Got Talent – Extreme Edition. Danger, as his friends call him, resides in Austin, TX and works closely with national casting directors who work on shows such as SYTYCD, AGT, The Voice, Little Big Shots, etc.

Celeste Wade has written and produced entertainment advertising and promotion campaigns for ABC, NBC, FOX, and CBS along with television series and syndication launch campaigns for “ER”, “Friends”, “Seinfeld”, “Home Improvement”, “Grace Under Fire”, “Everybody Loves Raymond”, “Judge Judy” (just to name a few). Miss Wade financed 75% of her college education by competing in the Miss America Program. She is the Austin Ambassador and Television Personality for Weight Watchers International. Celeste Wade Co-Founded Driven Entertainment, LLC and resides in Austin, TX. Wade is a Member of the Rotary District of Central Texas-5870 Public Relations Committee.



Celeste Wade, Judge



Gabriel Fry, Judge

Gabriel (Gabe) Fry was born with a passion for music that inspired him to start singing at a very young age. From Rock to Pop, Classical to Jazz, R&B to Country, Gabe intuitively dives into many genres of music and passionately loves all aspects of performance and songwriting. He participated in the All-Star Grammy Choir and the All-City Jazz choir in high school, and went on to attend The University of Texas at Austin as a vocal performance major. Studying under some of the top vocal professors in the world, he was a soloist for the highly select groups, The Chamber Singers and Concert Chorale under the direction of Craig Hella Johnson. Having explored the classical side of voice, he then went on to front the local rock bands Kalee Drive and Perigee, cutting his teeth on the stages of downtown Austin. For the past 10 years, he has been the lead singer of Distant Lights, an award-winning touring alternative rock band which has released 3 albums and played countless shows throughout the U.S, including numerous television and radio spots. Having performed on stages of all sizes, and featured on over 9 albums, he is a professional studio vocalist, demo and jingle singer, moonlights with a cover band, and performs as a DJ and emcee at weddings and private events.