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## REVIEWS

# Young talent shows great star potential

### Junior Star Trail 99, BIC Tregonwell Hall

ON the back of the success of the Echo Star Trail talent contest the first-ever Junior Star Trail was launched at the BIC.

Staged at the Tregonwell Hall within the Ideal Home Exhibition it proved hugely popular and looks certain to become an annual event.

Open auditions were held initially, attracting 62 acts. Heats were then held on Thursday and Friday for the best 24 acts, with 12 acts going through to the final on Saturday.

The heats saw a variety of performers from dancers to singers, a saxophonist, keyboard player and rapper.

All the acts were local, of a very high standard and brimming with enthusiasm, proving what a hotbed of flourishing new talent we have in and around Bournemouth.

Judges had an almost impossible task selecting three acts from each age group: 7-11 and 12-16 years, because all were worthy winners.

In the 7-11 group Matthew and Lucy Sonji stole the show with a lively and hilarious performance of the Olivia Newton-John/John Travolta duet, You're The One That I Want from Grease; it was tremendous fun.

The runner-up was eight-year-old Emma James who tackled the Titanic theme tune, an ambitious song for any vocalist. She sang it clearly and powerfully.

Third place went to eight-year-old Rebecca Clark, who, dressed as Cossette from Les Miserables, sang of her Castle on the Hill and stepped into the role brilliantly.

In the 12-16 age group Charlotte Talbot, 12, sang That Don't Impress Me Much, but impressed us a lot with her confident, strong performance and huge potential.

The runner-up was Kelly Davis, 13, singing Perfect Moment and showing great promise. In third place was saxophonist Lyndsey Dawn, 14, who played Angels beautifully.

The winners received cash prizes. The judges agreed that every finalist - including some outstanding dancers - had enormous potential.

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