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GRAND ISLAND – The Nebraska State Fair and Vision Productions, Inc. announce the winners of the 2019 Galaxy of Stars® Talent Search Preliminary Video Contest and overall winners of local participating Partner Talent Searches advancing to the Galaxy of Stars® Talent Search Semi-Finals at the Nebraska State Fair on Saturday, August 31st from 6:00 - 9:00 PM. Twenty-eight Acts from across Nebraska compete live on the CHI Health Stage in the Family Fun Zone at Fonner Park in Grand Island. Contestants compete in Three Age Divisions, Comets, Shooting Stars and Novas. The Galaxy of Stars® Talent Search Finals & Awards Ceremony will be held on Sunday, September 1st from 6:00 – 9:00 PM. Over \$7,500.00 in prizes, cash and trophies will be presented at the Awards Ceremony following the Finals competition. Overall Vocalist will receive a \$4500.00 Nashville Recording Package.

2019 GALAXY OF STARS® Talent Search Contestants Qualified to Advance to the Semi-Finals at the Nebraska State Fair competed in Preliminary Talent Searches: The Galaxy of Stars® Talent Search Video Contest, judged by Nashville professionals, and Official Galaxy of Stars® Local Partner Talent Searches: Clarkson Czech Festival Talent Search; Saline County Fair Talent Search, Crete; 105.3 Coyote Country Music Showdown, McCook; Country 93.5 Showdown, North Platte; Lancaster County Super Fair Talent Search, Lincoln, and the Columbus Days Talent Search.

COMETS (12 & Under): **Rebecca Hastreiter**, Dance, *Madison*; **Taelyn Baumert**, Dance, *Clarkson*; **Angelina Cruse**, Vocal, *McCook*; **Steps At Tiffany's Prep Team**, Dance: **Tynzlee Hake**, *Clarkson*; **Jurnee Mullenhoff**, *Leigh*; **Addison Heard**, *Howells*; **Alyvea Groteluschen**, *Columbus*; **Ava Baumert**, *Clarkson*; **Ella Baumert**, *Clarkson*; **Chelsy Brabec**, *Clarkson*; **Raegan Roebuck**, Dance, *Genoa*.

SHOOTING STARS (13 to 18): **Elise Anderson**, Vocal, *Lincoln*; **Sarah Koca**, Vocal, *Martell*; **The Renegades**, Group Vocal: **Aaron Vrbka** (tenor), **Bede Fulton** (Lead), **John Blatchford** (Bass), **Nik Barger** (Baritone), *Lincoln*; **Logan Becher**, *Leigh*, & **Quintessence Indra**, *Clarkson*, Group Dance; **Azreyah Cole**, Vocal, *Lincoln*; **Connor Hayes & Natalie Dark**, Variety/Magic, *Omaha*; **Emma Baney**, Vocal, *Ogallala*; **Adysen Ziemann**, *Pleasant Dale*, & **Trinity McMillan**, *Crete*, Group Dance; **Joshua Fernau**, Vocal/Guitar, *Chadron*; **Connor Duering**, Variety/Yo-Yo, *Grand Island*; **Lillianna Hollister**, Vocal, *Martell*; **Daelyn Mues**, Vocal, *Culbertson*; **Taylor Smith**, Vocal, *Kearney*; **Chandler Schmit**, Vocal/Guitar, *Lincoln*; **BSD Dancers: Kenzie Tonniges**, *Osceola*; **Kianna Cruise**, *St Edward*; **Macyn Norris**, *Columbus*; **Morisyn Marker**, *Columbus*; **Emersyn Proski**, *Osceola*; **Liberty Larsen**, *Columbus*.

NOVAS (19 & Over): Teagan Lovelace, Vocal, *North Platte*; Makenzie Beavers, Vocal, *Overton*; Mason Harouff, Vocal, *Lincoln*; Melissa McBride, Variety/Baton, *Omaha*; Tazalea Scott, Vocal, *Westerville*; Jared Ehrke, Vocal, *Lincoln*; Sonie Kuhlman, Vocal, *North Platte*; Breezy Ortega, Vocal, *McCook*.

GALAXY OF STARS® FEATURED ENTERTAINERS include 2013 Mega Star Justin Kane, *Oakland*; 2017 Mega Star Carly Cremers, *Hastings*; Candace Sutter, *Council Bluffs, IA*; Katie Goesch, *Gresham*, and Janelle Grace, *Nashville*.

To schedule an interview with the show producer, entertainers or contestants contact Wynne Adams at 615-495-7375 or email galaxyofstars@comcast.net.

The 2019 Nebraska State Fair opens August 23rd and will run through Labor Day, September 2nd.

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