

## Season 12 Postponed due to medical complications

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**Portland, OR** – Community program ‘**Teen Idol**’ announced today that it has had to postpone its competition for 2018, its 12<sup>th</sup> season. The program reports that its producer who had completed several auditions in the beginning of the year, had to have neck surgery in March which had complications. They additionally report that sudden hospitalization earlier in June prevented them from going forward in even a compressed time frame as they have been able to do in the past.

Part of the complications also include the Executive Director having significant family related issues of an unknown nature taking her away from most all activities. As a newly formed nonprofit, the producers unexpected medical costs now makes finishing the production schedule essentially impossible as the producer in the past, donated the costs out of his pocket as it was a free program.

The season is said to be rescheduled to start in 2019. The students who made it to the first round in 2018 will go right to the first round in 2019 without auditioning. Students who didn’t make the cut, will have the chance to re-audition. Finally, seniors who ordinarily would be in-eligible to compete, will be able to in 2019 provided they’re not 20 years old as of the date of the finale, typically held in June.

Students who, in previous seasons, were not able to make enough events or performances to complete their contract will have a few opportunities now to do so. If they have or begin to work on using 2018 to complete it, they become eligible to participate in outings, contracted competitions, join the program in American Idol group auditions and any other perks or rewards reserved now only for those with contract completion as a prerequisite.

Those that wish to help the program financially, volunteer or complete their contract this summer, are encouraged to contact the producer. The program wishes to relay that “Although the season is not turning out new finalists, it does give what will likely be the only opportunity for former finalists to catch up to the majority of their team mates”. Says Teen Idol Chairman and producer Dennis Gleason.

### ABOUT TEEN IDOL

Teen Idol is 501(C)3 Oregon Nonprofit that has grown from an English only local program under Portland Parks and has in the past included multiple languages, classes, seminars, workshops and volunteerism. We perform from Vancouver to Eugene, run the Marion County Fair Talent Competition and have assisted with the Oregon State Fair talent competition. Teen Idol also includes what was formerly Beaverton Teen Idol and has many former Hillsboro Teen Idol talent. Several local area talent to make it in the top 100 all the way to 11<sup>th</sup> place in national competition who had their start with our program. Events and tour are produced by Dark Wing Productions.

Teen Idol can be found on Facebook under [www.Facebook.com/NationalTeenIdol](http://www.Facebook.com/NationalTeenIdol) and online at [www.TeenIdol.org](http://www.TeenIdol.org). Also can be found on Instagram, Pinterest, Twitter, LinkedIn and other social sites.

### ABOUT DARK WING PRODUCTIONS

Portland area production company focusing on nonprofit and teen benefiting programs and support assisting with over 600 nonprofit public access episodes and dozens of events. DWP was formerly represented on the Oregon Media Production Association and Oregon League of Minority Voters board of directors by CEO Dennis Gleason who has been recognized as the ‘Ultimate Volunteer’ through KATU’s EveryDay Hero program and received the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Volunteer Service Award from President Obama in 2016.

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