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Welcome to **So You Think You’ve Got Talent**, a benefit for the Triangle Community Center in Norwalk, CT.

The Triangle Community Center (“TCC”) is South West Connecticut’s hub of support, programming and resources for LGBT individuals and the community. The Center is home to many important social and support groups, including OUTSPOKEN our youth group, PFLAS our family support group, transgender groups, reading groups, and spiritual seekers to just name a few. We provide health and education workshops, local outreach, and social events; and we award an annual scholarship to a Connecticut LGBT youth.

The Board of Directors and the members of the Triangle Community Center are grateful and excited about this amazing event. Tonight would not be possible without the generous support provided by Chris Titus and his production company CA Titus Productions. This man has created a community event like no other and we are honored he chose TCC as the beneficiary.

We would also like to thank tonight’s generous sponsor Paul Garavel and Georgetown Subaru - your support of the community and TCC over the years is greatly appreciated.

As a nonprofit organization we so appreciate your support and help. Thank you and enjoy the show! You’re in for an amazing night of entertainment!

Christopher Spiegelman

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Once you have met her, you will never forget her. Christine has been ready to put on a show since the moment she got her first laugh and audience in her back yard in Boston during her Holy Communion party. Seeking audiences since then, her forte is being able to make a show out of just about anything as her drive is to make everyone happy as codependency has its value. Christine has written, directed and produced her own one women show and has performed in her hometown Ogunquit, Maine for years. Christine also has performed across the country at colleges, comedy festivals and events as Headliner and has graced the stage with many performers such as Jennifer Hudson, the Indigo Girls, Gilbert Gottfried, Alec Mapa and the full Broadway cast of Pricilla Queen of the Desert. Christine has been chosen to be the Host for LA’s first ever Harvey Milk Day 2010 and cast as Anne Kronenberg in ‘dear harvey’ and was a co-host with Sharon, Ozzy and Kelly Osbourne for the after party at their house in the Hidden Hills. She has worked her Comedy-Hosting and Auctioneering skills for many non-profit/social justice fundraisers and Pride events over the past 5 years, including the Coalition for the Homeless, NYC and NYC Pride and as Auctioneer/Host has raised over $275,000 just this year for these multiple vital organizations that the former Social Worker cares deeply about. Christine O’Leary has recently toured with Margaret Cho and at the beginning of this year, taped a pilot with Ian Harvie, Executive Producer Margaret Cho. Christine is proud of the roots she has planted in Connecticut with her partner ViVi and their little dog Tilly.
The Triangle Community Center recognizes with gratitude the individuals, corporations and businesses who have made generous charitable contributions to this event. Their philanthropy is essential to supporting our mission and educational initiatives. TCC continues to change the lives of the LGBT Community in Fairfield County.

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TONIGHT’S PERFORMERS

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Contestant #1 .................................................. Charli D’Amelio (Dancer)
Contestant #2 .................................................. Cynthia Preston (Singer)
Contestant #3 .................................................. Clara Tu (Pianist)
Contestant #4 .................................................. Tangela Smith (Singer)
Contestant #5 .................................................. Simon Betancur (Singer)
Contestant #6 .................................................. Amanda Somma (Dancer)
Special performance by Guest Judge Andrea Frierson

15 MINUTE INTERMISSION

Voices of Hope Gospel Choir
Contestant #7 .................................................. Carol Logen (Singer)
Contestant #8 .................................................. Douglas Raigosa (Jump Roper)
Contestant #9 .................................................. The Acafellas (A’Capella Group)
Contestant #10 .................................................. Victor Avellino (Singer)
Contestant #11 .................................................. Morris Parker (Dancer)
Contestant #12 .................................................. Hasina Stephans (Singer)
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**Andrea Frierson**, Vocal Expert & Broadway and TV performer, has been seen on Broadway in: *Once on This Island* (Erzulie, original cast); *Marie Christine, Juan Darien* (both at Lincoln Center Theater); *Bring in 'Da Noise/ Bring in 'Da Funk* ('Da Singer); *The Lion King* (Rafiki); *For Colored Girls...* (original Broadway production). Regional Theatre productions include: Aretha Franklin/ Tina Turner in *Beehive!* (Helen Hayes Award); Dr. Charlotte in *Falsettoland* (Hartford Stage Company); The Mother in Julie Taymor’s *Juan Darien* (Lincoln Center Theater, Edinburgh Festival), among others. She currently coaches and advises singers in and around NYC.

**Chris Titus (Producer)** has had quite a diverse background in the performing arts including classical pianist, musical theatre singer/dancer/actor, jingle singer, musical director, A Capella singer, as well as being on the production crew of several Grammy & Tony award shows. All of this experience, as well as his love of discovering new and unique talent, has led to the launching of **CA Titus Productions**. “So You Think You’ve Got Talent” is the first of hopefully many more productions to come - giving opportunities to students and performers of all ages who do not have a place to showcase their talent.

**Michael McCoy** has appeared across the US and Canada in plays, musicals and cabaret. Broadway: The Phantom of the Opera. Off-Broadway: original casts of Bush is Bad and Junie B. Jones. National tours: The Phantom of the Opera and CATS. Regional performances include It’s a Bird, It’s a Plane, It’s Superman!, On the Town, Sweeney Todd, and the world premiere of Lucky in the Rain at Goodspeed; Love Life at Walnut Street Playhouse, Peter Pan at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival, A Midsummer Night’s Dream, 1776, The Mikado and An Ideal Husband at River Repertory.

**Paula T. Lin** is an award-winning communicator and president of **The Definitive Voice and Word, LLC**. Prior to her career as a successful voice over and video talent, Paula enjoyed contributing her skills as a broadcast journalist and veteran of CNN Atlanta headquarters; Reuters Health Video Online in Washington, DC; and The Montgomery County Public Schools Instructional TV in Rockville, MD. Paula’s earliest on-air experience began at a variety of Connecticut/New York radio stations and later at Peach State Public Radio in Atlanta where National Public Radio’s “All Things Considered” aired one of her news reports.

**Robert Sciglimpaglia** is currently an accomplished actor, voice over artist and practicing attorney in Norwalk who has been chosen as a New England Region and Connecticut “Super Lawyer” for the years 2009 through 2012. Robert has appeared on National Television numerous times on the History Channel, Discovery Channel, Discovery ID channel, A&E, Nat Geo, The Travel Channel and PBS, and has worked on shows such as “Rescue Me”, “Maury Povich”, “Mysteries at the Museum”, “30 Rock”, and “Pan Am” and he is best known as the DAD on the 2012 Chevy Super Bowl Commercial HAPPY GRAD.
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Charli D’Amelio is an eight year old dancer from Norwalk, CT. She started taking dance classes at three years old, but her love of dance was evident even before that. Charli is a first year member on the Norwalk Academy of Dance’s platinum award winning competition team and is currently being trained in hip hop, tap, jazz and lyrical there.

Cynthia Preston, a singer-songwriter from Danbury, CT, has been performing with her family since she was 5 years old. She was blessed with her first guitar at age 15, and thus began her passion for writing and playing. She’s currently working on her second album, to be released in 2013.

Clara Tu, just turned 9 years old and enrolled in 3rd grade in Hamilton Avenue School in Greenwich, CT. She started taking piano lessons at age 3 and half by her mother, Felicia Feng Zhang. At her age and in just a short time, she has achieved many awards for her talent and has performed at highly respected venues and competitions, national exams and festivals.

Tangela Smith knew she wanted to sing professionally since her first church solo at the age of 5. Tangela’s influences include Shirley Ceaser, Stephanie Mills and Patti LaBelle. In February 2000, Tangela released her first album which displayed her vocal ability in the world of R&B. Past musical projects include gospel concerts and American Idol (contestant). Her powerful vocal ability distinguishes her from many other artists in the music industry.
Simon Betancur was born in 1994 in Medellin Colombia, and has been living in United States for almost 3 years. Since he was a little kid he was really interested in music. He started playing piano at the age of 8, has been singing for almost 8 years, and playing guitar for 4 years. Simon considers that music is the only thing that gives value to his life.

Amanda Somma is a seventeen year old junior at Norwalk High School. Her passion is dancing and she loves to perform. She has been dancing at D’Valda & Sirico Dance & Music Centre for seven years and is planning on majoring in dance she attends college. She is looking forward to pursuing a career in dance.

Carol Logen knew she wanted to be a singer from the time she was 6 years old when she sang her first solo, Zippa Dee Doo Dah for the 2nd grade class! Years later she cleaned her voice teacher’s house in exchange for her first real singing lesson. She co-founded Sacred Center New York where she served as its music director for over 8 years. You can hear Carol every Monday night at Happy Hour, an inspirational hour of power, at the West Side Y in New York City.

Douglas Raigosa started jump roping about five years ago in Newtown with the Moon Jumpers team. There, he would achieve tricks he would have never imagined. He continued to discover new tricks after moving from Newtown. He will forever love the sport of jump roping and remember what he accomplished with a turn of the rope!
The Acafellas turn the greatest hits of old and new into a'capella for you. All students at Fairfield Warde High School, Reuben, Zach, Eric and Johnny have been singing together for over a year. We love to sing and perform, and there is nothing better than to share this passion with an audience! Enjoy!

Victor Avellino and his drummer Lauren Horbal were meant to meet. These Connecticut natives create a very unique sound that's simple yet powerful. The duo met at a local bar and began making music immediately. Victor and Lauren hope to pursue their dreams of becoming professional musicians as they head for Nashville in the near future.

Morris Parker, Age 20 is from South Norwalk and has been dancing for 6 years. He is experienced in Modern, Contemporary, Jazz, Street Jazz, Ballet, Lyrical, and Hip-hop. He graduated Warren Harding High school in 2011 and currently visits to help out with the high school dance team. Morris continues to work hard every day to fulfill his dream of becoming one of the world's greatest dancers!

Hasina Stephens, simply put, is the REAL DEAL. Within every note, every word, and every breath, you’ll find the true definition of artistry. And she goes by the name, Hasina. Born, raised, and trained in NYC. She's a lover of all things music and art. Check out her new single: http://www.youtube.com/hasinamusic
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