

Acton dancers and vocalists wow judges at the *Acton's Got Talent Show*

Talent to spare

From the strains of girls with guitars to the joyous romps of fast and furious tap dancers, movement and music set the stage for 19 entrants in the *Acton's Got Talent* contest, held in front of an appreciative full-house crowd on Saturday evening at the Town Hall Centre.

There were no judges snits or backstage meltdowns – just a lot of impressive talent at the fourth annual Acton BIA (Business Improvement Area) event. The winning performances of two vocalists and two tap dance groups advanced them to the talent shop finals during Acton's Canada Day celebrations in Prospect Park.

The judges – Q107 morning man Ryan Parker, actor Sean Ryan and Sharon Outton – all repeatedly said how impressed they were with the depth of talent from Acton residents who competed.

The under-14 category winners included Hannah Ward, 14, Irish dancers Olivia, 7, and Rylea, 11, Wilson, and the TDI tap dance trio of Jordyn Bartholomew, Alicia Byron and Nicole Sawranstschuck, whose spirited *The Name Game* routine had the judges dancing in their seats. Ward played her acoustic guitar and performed a cover of Rihanna's *Stay* was rewarded with an "awesome job," "terrific" and "keep on singing" from the judging panel.

The Wilson sisters took a traditional Irish dance and set it to Stereo Love for a refreshing modern take on the dance style

which earned them praise for their "great synchronicity, beautiful colours, superb presentation" and "excellent choreography."

Another high-octane TDI tap number to Stevie Wonder's *Superstitious* also rocked the house and won the over-15 category for Kylie Mitchell, Amelia Torraville, Katherine Zawadzki and Madison Hurrell. The judges who liked their "smiles" and "presentation" despite missing one member appreciated the dancers' poise and power.

Both Madison Hurrell, 17, and Amelia Torraville were double threats in the contest – Hurrell winning as a vocalist who accompanied herself on guitar, and as a tap dancer, and Torraville who performed both a lyrical dance and in the tap group.

All competitors received certificates and \$10 in BIA bucks.



TALENTED TROOP: Music and movement filled the stage at the Town Hall Centre on Saturday for the Acton BIA-sponsored *Acton's Got Talent* contest featuring 14 acts. The judges selected six acts to vie for the title during Canada Day festivities. – Ted Tyler photo



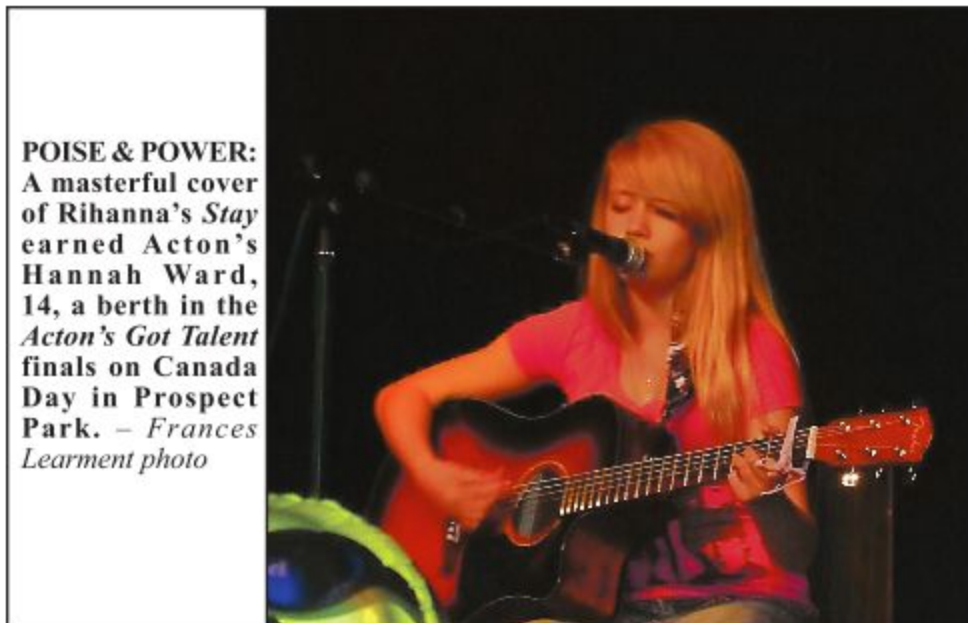
TDI TRIO: The tap dance trio of Jordyn Bartholomew, Alicia Byron and Nicole Sawranstschuck took the stage by storm as they brought *The Name Game* to life with sharp moves, precision timing and huge smiles that earned them a spot in the finals on Canada Day. – Ted Tyler photo



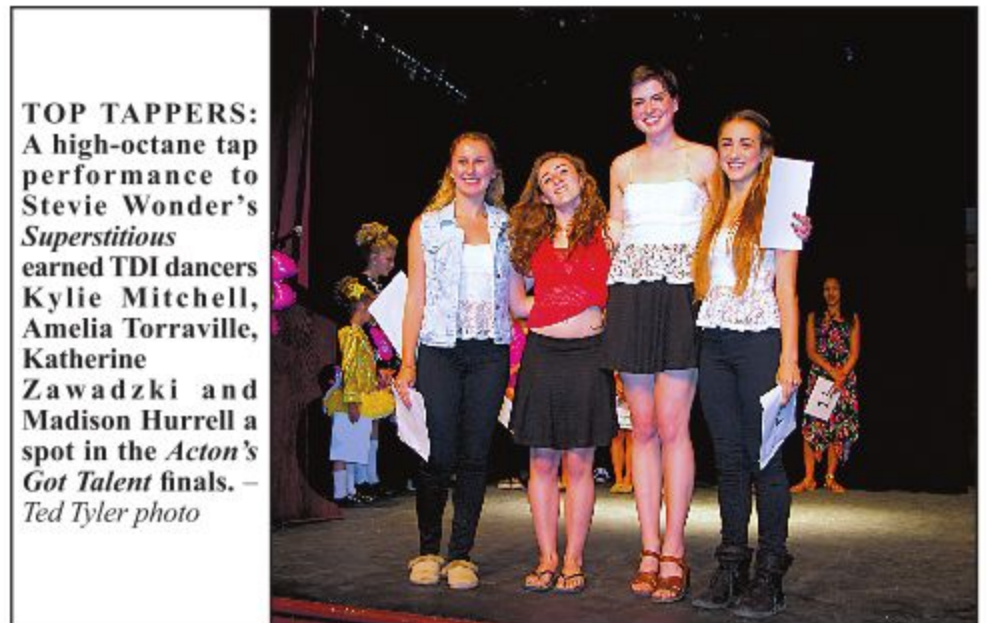
WILSON SISTERS: Acton's Olivia, 7, and Rylea Wilson, 11, set traditional Irish dance moves to modern music for an entertaining performance which earned them a place in the finals. – Ted Tyler photo



JUDGES WOWED: The calibre and range of talent displayed by Acton residents competing in the *Acton's Got Talent* contest on Saturday impressed the judges – Sean Ryan (left), Ryan Parker and Sharon Outton – who selected six acts to appear in the finals. – Frances Learment photo



POISE & POWER: A masterful cover of Rihanna's *Stay* earned Acton's Hannah Ward, 14, a berth in the *Acton's Got Talent* finals on Canada Day in Prospect Park. – Frances Learment photo



TOP TAPPERS: A high-octane tap performance to Stevie Wonder's *Superstitious* earned TDI dancers Kylie Mitchell, Amelia Torraville, Katherine Zawadzki and Madison Hurrell a spot in the *Acton's Got Talent* finals. – Ted Tyler photo