

Hello BGC Idol Participants and Parents,

My name is Steve Amante and I am the creator and founder of Boys & Girls Club Idol. I hope you are excited and ready for our 9<sup>th</sup> Season of BGC Idol. We have some exciting changes planned.

When I created BGC Idol, I did so because I wanted to give our youth an opportunity to experience a singing competition modeled around what they see on TV. I also wanted to provide them a venue that encourages them to pursue their passion to sing and perform.

During our first 8 years we have seen a growing number of remarkably talented kids come out and audition. BGC Idol continues to transform into an exciting and rewarding experience for our youth and each year we introduce new aspects that challenge these kids and provide them with a memorable experience.

As mentioned, we have some exciting things happening for our 9<sup>th</sup> Season, including:

- We are finalizing plans to hold our finals show at the Pechanga! We are very excited about this and we know our finalists will enjoy performing in this awesome venue.
- This year the Finals will be televised. **That's right, televised!** Time Warner, now Spectrum, will be broadcasting the show in L.A., Orange County, San Diego, and the Inland Empire.
- You may already know that our theme this year is Motown. Our finalists will each select a Motown song to sing with a live band at our Finals competition.
- A few weeks after the competition ends, we will arrange for all 15 finalists to record their song in a professional recording studio and we will produce a CD. Once again, great exposure!

Over the years, many Idol participants have been able to parlay their talents and exposure into performances at various local events. We have also had several Idol kids who have done extremely well on American Idol and The Voice.

### **What does this mean to you and what do you need to know?**

*We will have a camera crew at all of our auditions and our semi-finals show.*

They will be recording your auditions. It is also possible that you may be asked to do a short interview or answer a few questions on camera. Your audition or interview may be used in a segment that could air either at the Finals show or on TV.

**We ask that all participants dress appropriately for auditions. Please be prepared to be on camera at the audition.**

For more information, audition dates and locations, or to register to audition, go to [www.bgcidol.com](http://www.bgcidol.com). When you register you will download a registration form and audition guidelines.

I hope you are as excited about our Season 9 as we are. I look forward to seeing you at one of our auditions.

Regards,

Steve Amante