

Who do you love: 'American Idol' Top 13 finalists revealed

Top 13 perform Wednesday, March 9, on FOX; next live results show Thursday, March 10

Last night, "American Idol" revealed this season's Top 13 finalists: Casey Abrams, Naima Adedapo, Lauren Alaina, James Durbin, Ashthon Jones, Stefano Langone, Jacob Lusk, Scotty McCreery, Paul McDonald, Thia Megia, Haley Reinhart, Karen Rodriguez and Pia Toscano. After America's votes for the Top 10 were revealed, judges Randy Jackson, Jennifer Lopez and Steven Tyler chose Naima Adedapo, Ashthon Jones and Stefano Langone as wild cards.

On Wednesday, March 9 (8-10 p.m. ET/PT), America's Top 13 will take the stage to perform songs by their favorite artists. Tune in the following night, Thursday, March 10 (8-9 p.m. ET live/PT tape-delayed), to the live results show to see performances by Adam Lambert and Diddy-Dirty Money with Skylar Grey and to find out who receives enough votes to stay in the competition and who is sent home.

Additionally, season seven "American Idol" winner David Cook has recorded the farewell song for the show's 10th season. The song, chosen by "American Idol" creator and executive producer Simon Fuller, is a remake of Simple Minds' 1985 smash hit "Don't You (Forget About Me)" and will air each week as contestants are eliminated on the Thursday results shows.

Beginning today, fans can view the full official profiles for each of the Top 13 finalists at www.americanidol.com/contestants. Keep up with the latest "American Idol" news on the "American Idol" Facebook page at www.facebook.com/americanidol. And be sure to check out the official "American Idol" Twitter for the scoop straight from the "American Idol" set at [@americanidol](http://www.twitter.com/americanidol).

The "American Idol" Top 13 finalists are:

Casey Abrams

Hometown: Wilmette, Ill.

Currently Resides: Idyllwild, Calif.

Age: 20



Abrams was born in Austin, Texas. He has been playing musical instruments for as long as he can remember, including the electric bass, keyboards, guitar, clarinet, guitar and accordion.

Keep up with Casey at:

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Naima Adedapo

Hometown: Milwaukee

Currently Resides: Milwaukee

Age: 26



Adedapo graduated with honors with a BFA in dance from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. She has been studying and teaching African dance and hip-hop for the last 14 years. She also performs in a reggae band.

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Lauren Alaina

Hometown: Rossville, Ga.
Currently Resides: Rossville, Ga.
Age: 16



Alaina is a sophomore at Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe High School in her home state of Georgia. She began singing when she was very young and also enjoys cheerleading.

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James Durbin

Hometown: Santa Cruz, Calif.
Currently Resides: Santa Cruz, Calif.
Age: 22

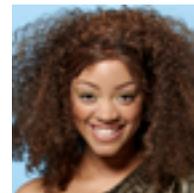


Durbin lives with his fiancée, Heidi, and their 22-month-old son, Hunter. Durbin was inspired to start singing by his older sister. He plays guitar and piano, and also enjoys drawing.

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Ashthon Jones

Hometown: Valdosta, Ga.
Currently Resides: Nashville, Tenn.
Age: 24



Jones was raised singing in the youth choir at church and has continued to perform in various venues in Nashville. She enjoys drawing portraits and writing songs.

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Stefano Langone**Hometown:** Kent, Wash.**Currently Resides:** Kent, Wash.**Age:** 21

Langone graduated from Kentwood High School. He has been singing and playing piano for most of his life. He also enjoys sports and songwriting.

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Jacob Lusk**Hometown:** Compton, Calif.**Currently Resides:** Compton, Calif.**Age:** 23

Lusk serves as a minister of music at his church, and he also works as a spa concierge. He began singing when he was 4 years old. He also enjoys acting and playing the piano.

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Scotty McCreery**Hometown:** Garner, N.C.**Currently Resides:** Garner, N.C.**Age:** 17

McCreery is a junior at Garner Magnet High School in North Carolina. He began playing guitar in the fifth grade. He loves playing baseball, and is the pitcher on his high school team. He credits his deep voice to impersonating Elvis Presley as a child.

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Paul McDonald**Hometown:** Huntsville, Ala.**Currently Resides:** Nashville, Tenn.**Age:** 26

McDonald was born in Auburn, Ala., and attended Auburn University for biomedical sciences. He has been singing since he was in the sixth grade. He also plays guitar, piano and mandolin.

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Thia Megia**Hometown:** Hayward, Calif.**Currently Resides:** Mountain House, Calif.**Age:** 16

Megia is a sophomore in high school. She plays the guitar and the piano, and has a Chihuahua named Lucky who likes to sing along with her.

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Haley Reinhart**Hometown:** Wheeling, Ill.**Currently Resides:** Wheeling, Ill.**Age:** 20

Reinhart is in her sophomore year at Harper College in Chicago. She began performing when she was 8 years old. She enjoys writing music and poetry and doing improv.

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Karen Rodriguez**Hometown:** New York**Currently Resides:** New York**Age:** 21

Rodriguez is a student at the Berklee College of Music. She can speak fluent Spanish, and enjoys acting and songwriting.

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Pia Toscano

Hometown: Howard Beach, N.Y.

Currently Resides: Howard Beach, N.Y.

Age: 22



Toscano began her vocal training at age 12. She is a graduate of the LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts. She can sing in Italian, and is the lead singer in a cover band. She also works as a freelance makeup artist.

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