

# Idol Hands

Portland Idol returns to Red Cap Garage BY RYAN J. PRADO

When Red Cap Garage's Portland Idol broke ground last year, it drew citywide kudos for the professionalism of the assembled talent. Helmed by Los Angeles-transplant Justin Buckles, who'd worked as production manager for *American Idol* (yeah, *that* one), Portland Idol 2010 instituted similar rules, while injecting a distinct club feel to its inaugural year.

In keeping with that vibe, **Red Cap's Portland Idol 2011** kicked off May 5 with much momentum, some 70 hopefuls whittled down to just 12 for opening night. This round's judges include the first ever Portland Idol, the electrifying Tamra Scanlan, along with Samuel

Thomas, founder of the Portland FREE Music Project. A third judge will rotate from a stable of past Idol contestants and local celebs.

The competition, as expected, is nothing short of *fierce*.

"With our host Poison Waters, Portland Idol 2011 started off with a bang," says Buckles. "Every contestant is bringing their own special talent this year, which is going to make for a very interesting competition."

Portland Idol 2011 has upped the ante, too, with first place receiving a \$700 prize

package, \$400 for second and \$150 for third.

Organizers have added a cocktail challenge this time around. Each contestant was

assigned a signature Absolut cocktail the first night of the show.

Absolut is working with Basic Rights Oregon to donate 50 cents for each drink purchased with Absolut Wild Tea throughout the run, and award an extra prize to whoever sells the most cocktails by the end of the season.

In addition, the contestant in the lead after

the June 16 installment will have the opportunity to perform during Red Cap's Pride Block Party.

Contestants tackle two songs every "episode"—one in line with the week's theme and the other a free-for-all of their choosing.

And remember, folks, judges' scores count as 50 percent of the overall tallies, the other half comprised of text message voting. Translation: Let your fingers do the talking. ☐

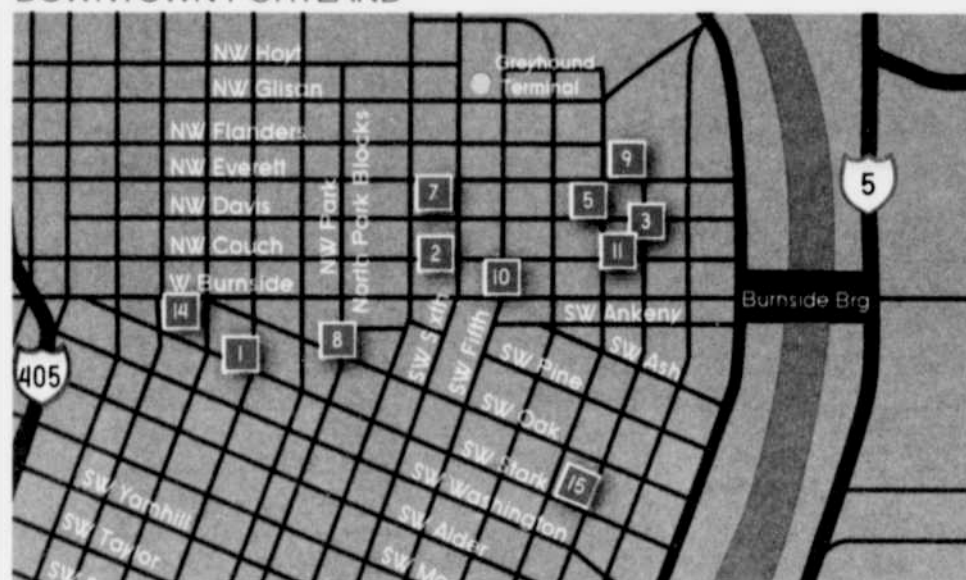
Thursdays at 9 p.m. through July 28; Red Cap Garage, 1035 SW Stark St.; no cover; redcapgarage.com.



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PORTLAND IDOL 2010

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