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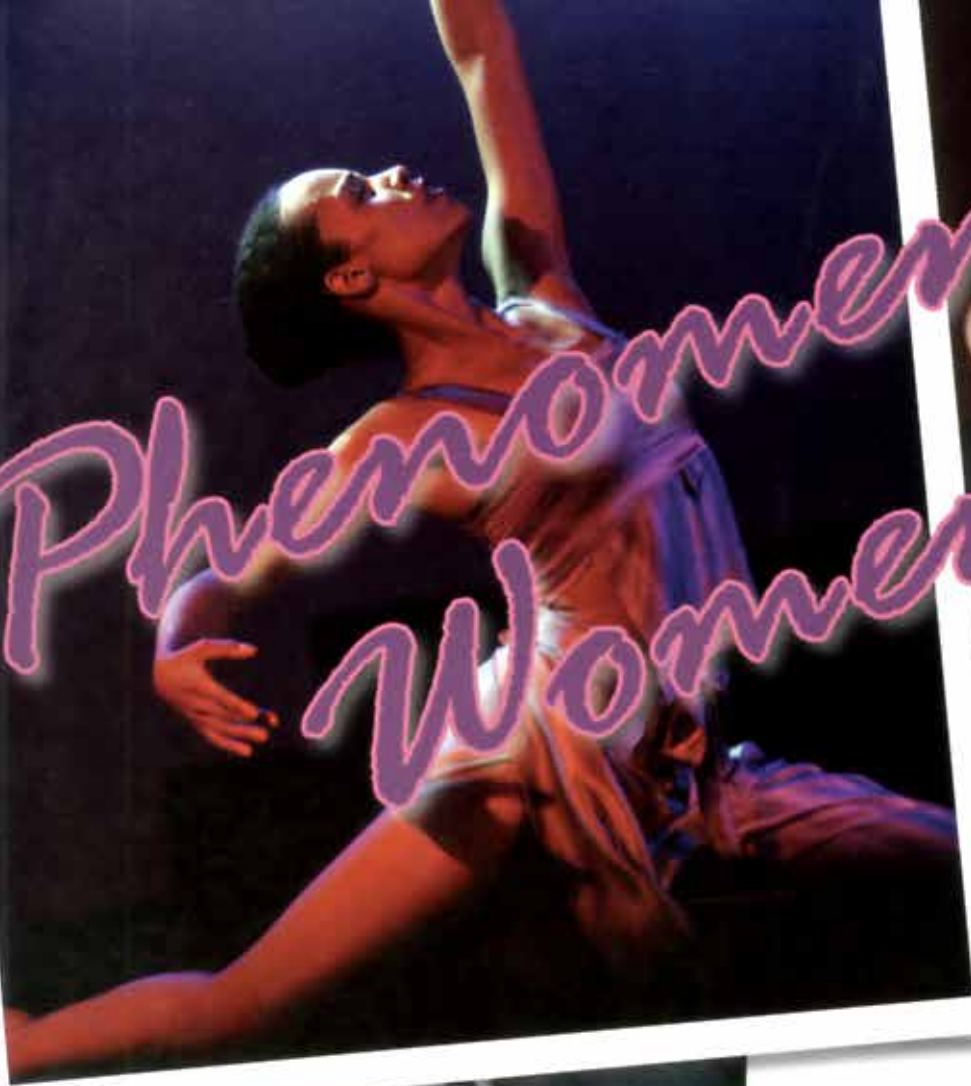
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FEATURING

Talented Teen Contestants Representing

2006 Talented Teens From

Around the World

and

The 2005 Talented Teen

International Winner

Esonica Veira

*Special Guest
Appearances during
the Week*

Kimberly Brooks

Chapter 4

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Program of Events 2006

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2006 Competition Judges

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Featuring Our 2006 Talented Teens Contestants

Parade of States & Countries
Introduction of Hal Jackson
Introduction of MC
Top 10 Finalists Announced

Judging Segment 1 Personality & Achievement

Rules & Regulations
Introduction of Judges

Judging Segment 2 - Talent

Performance by 2005 Winner – Esonica Veira

Intermission

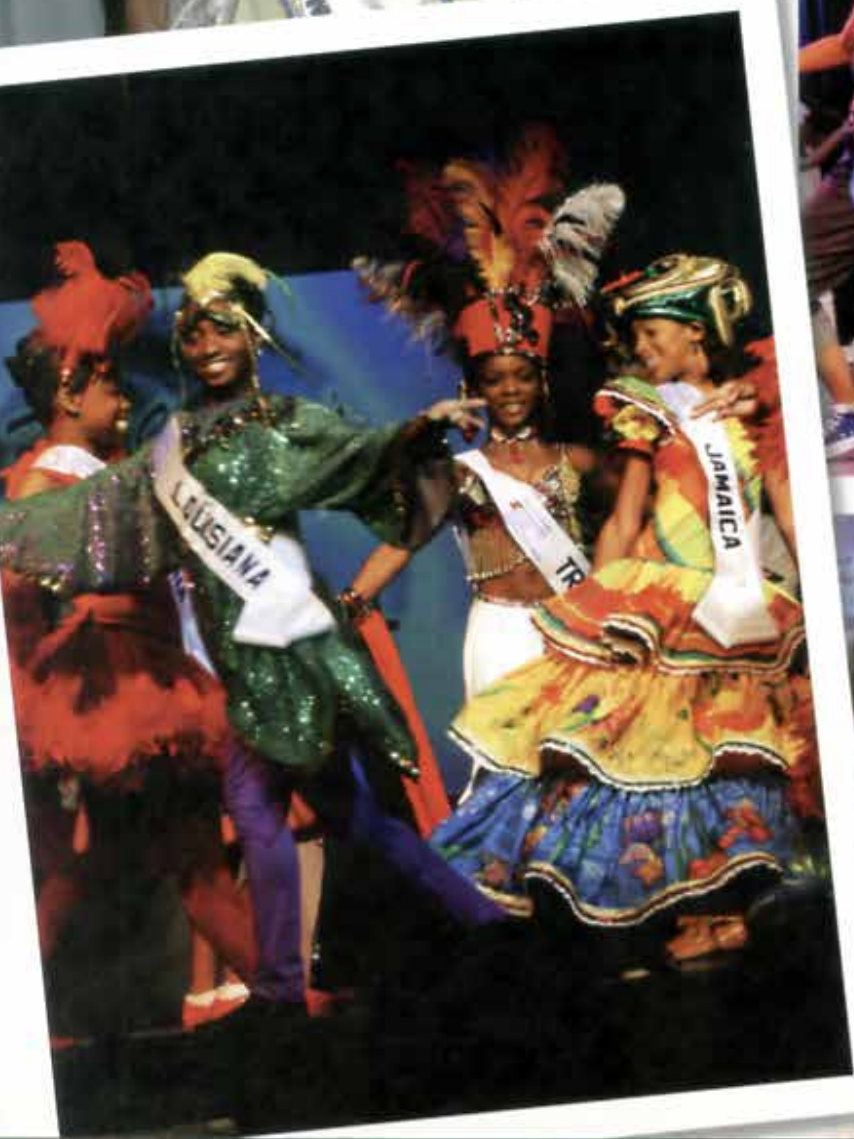
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Entertainment

Judging Segment 3 Appearance

Entertainment
Farewell Address Miss Esonica Veira
Special Talented Teens Awards

Crowning of the 2006 HJTTT Winner





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Youth Development Foundation, Inc.
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July 29, 2006

Dear Talented Teens International Family,

We are off to another wonderful year and hopefully this will be the greatest ever, especially since we are saluting all of the *Phenomenal Women* who have participated in 36 years of Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International Scholarship Programs. We send thanks to all of you for the incredible sacrifices you have made to make HJTTI possible. We have had a long week of activities and hope the HJTTI Delegates and our hard working Directors loved what was lined up for them.

Talented Teen International ladies, we hope you will look upon this as a great start in your life, because everything has been done to make this an enjoyable, educational and intercultural week that you will take back to your respective locations around the world and remember warmheartedly. Do not forget that each and every one of you is a winner because you have participated in a week of activities in New York and have performed at Symphony Space on Broadway. We know the pride that each of you possess because you have had the opportunity to represent your state or country at the Internationals and hope that every young lady at all levels has learned something from their Talented Teens International experience.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all of the parents and guardians of our young ladies. Because you have sacrificed to put your daughter into this program means you have joined us as one of our team members and have made your daughter's future a good deal brighter.

Thank you corporate sponsors for assisting us in awarding scholarships to our *Phenomenal Women*. You are making an enormous investment in the future of young ladies that will pay off, not only in financial rewards but in exposure for your company. We are truly grateful to all individuals who have been working with us on our team for our *Phenomenal Women* who are also intelligent and very talented.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hal Jackson" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hal Jackson
CEO & Founder



CELEBRATING 67 YEARS OF BROADCASTING EXCELLENCE
Hal Jackson



STATE OF NEW YORK

GEORGE E. PATAKI
GOVERNOR



July 22-30, 2006

Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to send greetings to all gathered for the 36th Annual Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International Scholarship Competition.

The Empire State is proud to once again host this wonderful program which highlights the creative and artistic talents of young women, offering them opportunities for success through education and other means of positive development. For nearly four decades, this competition has provided a venue for more than 900,000 participants from around the world who can experience new cultures as they enhance their potential for greatness and achievement in various areas of endeavor.

More than ever, new avenues are open to young women who are making a difference and following interesting and fulfilling career paths. I encourage you to consider the many choices that await you as women who can shape and define our world. Above all, you should follow your hearts and minds, and strive toward success in every way a person can – both personal and professional – so that you can enjoy all the benefits of a truly rewarding life.

I join to applaud Hal Jackson, sponsor of this event, for his longstanding commitment to this initiative that aims to raise the self-esteem of deserving young ladies who have so much to offer the world, in terms of their inherent artistic abilities and their academic excellence. Congratulations to all of the participants and this year's scholarship recipients as you work toward realizing your vision for a promising future.

Best wishes for a highly memorable and successful event.

Very truly yours,





THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, NY 10007

July 22, 2006

Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to welcome all those attending Hal Jackson's 36th Annual Talented Teens International Scholarship Competition.

Since Hal Jackson founded Youth Development Fund in 1971, it has provided a support system for girls, nurturing them and offering them recognition, travel, and scholarship opportunities. In the tradition of its founder, a pioneer who became the first African-American radio sports announcer and the first African-American to own a radio station in New York, Hal Jackson's Talented Teens Scholarship Competition has given countless youths a chance to pursue higher education.

Hal Jackson will always be known as an icon for his groundbreaking work in radio; but he should be equally respected for his belief that success is most meaningful when it is used to help improve the lives of others. With this wonderful showcase, Mr. Jackson is applying that principal in a manner that enriches the lives of New Yorkers and all Americans alike.

I extend my best wishes to all of the young women taking part in this competition, and my gratitude to all those whose hard work and generosity have made this event possible.

Sincerely,

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Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor



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Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International
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Dear Contestants:


I wish to offer my best wishes and congratulations to all of the participants of the 36th Annual Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International Scholarship Competition.

I would like to commend Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International, for your organization's support to young women through educational programs and your efforts to promote positive activities for young people.

Additionally, I would like to commend the talented young women who take part in this annual event. You are fine examples of what a positive attitude and a solid educational foundation can do for ladies who are poised for great success in their lives.

Again, congratulations to you all and please accept my best wishes for continued success in the future.

Sincerely,


Charles B. Rangel
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PIERRE M. SUTTON
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Congratulations to Hal Jackson and his wonderful team for continuing to provide opportunity in the lives of young talented ladies in a forum geared towards their growth, enrichment and of course achievement. Congratulations to you all on having a successful run of 36 years of the Hal Jackson Talented Teens Scholarship Competition.

I have seen many programs, some last and some die out, but with Hal's constant nurturing, his vision has become the dream of many. My wish for Hal Jackson is a simple one, may you continue to be blessed with your vision. It's this vision that becomes the reality for so many others. Hal Jackson, you are loved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pierre M. Sutton". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Pierre M. Sutton
Chairman and CEO
Inner City Broadcasting Corporation

HARLEM NEWS

Over Six Decades and Counting for Radio Legend Hal Jackson

By Linda Armstrong

At age 91, Hal Jackson is still going strong as the host of "Hal Jackson's Sunday Classics," on WBLS from 12 Noon to 4PM. "Doing radio keeps me going and I feel that I am still contributing. Each day I find that I'm a part of the world and I'm contributing, I'm happy to do it," he shared. Jackson has been in radio broadcasting for 65 years and in that time he has broken many racial barriers. He was the first African American sports announcer over WOOK in Washington, DC. He was one of a few who came together to acquire WLIB-AM in 1971, the first Black owned radio station. And, he was inducted into the Radio Hall of Fame in 1995.

Recently, Jackson with his wife of 18 years, Deborah, at his side, spoke to Harlem News about his amazing career. Discussing his incredible longevity in radio Jackson said, "Getting into radio, it was such a prejudice situation. You had to have a determination and be focused on what you were trying to do. My being in radio opened doors where I could look out to help others. My longevity is due to the fact that I have learned to listen to everybody. I never eliminate anyone because you never know what they have to offer."

Jackson's Sunday afternoon show doesn't follow a rigid format or purpose, according to the broadcaster. "We stretch out because we are able to get a lot of people coming from different situations. We never did stick to any one kind of music. We could do Lena Horne, Nancy Wilson, or Dinah Washington – the idea is that it's a music show – spread it out." The radio host is proud of how his show's flexible format has impacted on the variety of listeners that tune in. "We cover a big cross section of all people. They're from clubs, groups, organizations, and individuals. There is no age segment at all. We spread everything out so that everybody can feel that they are welcome and a part of it," Jackson said.

Fans of Jackson can get up close and personal with him on Father's Day, June 18th, when he, for the first time, will broadcast his program live from the 16th annual Real Men Cook charity event, that will this year, benefit and be held at the NYC Mission Society Minisink Townhouse, located at 646 Malcolm X Boulevard at 142 Street. Jackson is very excited to be part of the event, broadcasting from 12 Noon – 4 PM, with a show whose music theme will be Father related songs. Jackson is thrilled to be a part of the event, especially having attended it five times in the past. "It's a wonderful experience just to see the other side of many of the men who were there and their versatility," Jackson said. "Real Men Cook shows the leadership that we have among our people and it opens up young minds so they don't live in one narrow world," Jackson added. Jackson is looking forward to mingling with his fans by signing autographs, taking pictures, and shaking hands. He loves to personify his life motto: "It's nice to be important, but it's important to be nice."

For more information on Real Men Cook, go to www.realmencook.com or call 212-234-9302.



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Program Overview

**Youth Development Foundation, Inc.
Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International®**

"Promoting Culture & Education through the Performing Arts"

Youth Development Foundation, Inc. (YDF) is a non-profit tax-exempt organization that promotes culture and education through the performing arts. Founded in 1971 by Hal Jackson, legendary radio personality and 2001 Broadcasting and Cable Hall of Fame inductee, YDF provides a support system for girls which offers exposure; encourages cross-culture exchange and nurtures emerging talent from around the world while providing training, educational scholarships and travel opportunities for young women.

YDF showcases the intelligence and talents of girls 13 to 17 years of age from the United States and abroad. The program is open to all ethnic groups with an emphasis on diversity and intercultural awareness. Program participants typically are average or above students who have performing talents and want to use their gifts as a platform for attaining their secondary educational goals.

State and country programs are held from January through June in approximately 30 states and 10 countries. Area programs provide activities dedicated to youth, education and community involvement. Additionally as a part of each program, girls participate in a series of training sessions and local competitions where they are judged in categories demonstrating academic abilities, talent and stage presence. State and country winners move on to the international event – Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International (HJTTI) to compete to become Miss Talented Teen International.

The young ladies are brought together during International Week. They tour the competition city visit radio and/or television stations to learn about operations behind the scenes in the media industry visit restaurants to taste foods of different cultures attend Broadway shows and ultimately rehearse for their appearance on stage. Winners have received over \$1,000,000 in scholarships, prizes and inter-cultural trips abroad.

The Youth Development Foundation, Inc. via Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International assists in preventing drug abuse and pregnancy among youth by developing self-esteem and confidence, which is essential for the positive development of young ladies and success in all aspects of their lives.

HJTTI/YDF winners and/or contestants who have become success stories, include, but not limited to, Jada Pinkett Smith, Ce Ce Peniston, the late Michelle Thomas, Vanessa Williams, and Sheryl Lee Ralph.

35 Years of Phenomenal Women



1971

The first contest was held under the title "Miss Black Teenage America" on July 28 in Atlanta, Georgia and was taped for television syndication. The winner was Miss Texas, *June Kelly*.



1972

The site changed to New York City and the location of the contest was Madison Square Garden's Felt Forum. Miss Texas won again, this time her name was *Cynthia Lewis*.



1973

The title changed to "Miss U.S. Talented Teen Pageant & Revue" and Miss *Edna Hill* from Maryland was the winner. Dr. Hill is currently the 1st Black plastic surgeon in the state of Maryland.



1974

Talent, intellect, determination and the ability to perform under pressure, all qualities that characterize Miss Missouri, *Denise DuMaine* who won the crown at Town Hall in New York City.



1975

Miss Georgia won the crown in New York City at Town Hall. *Renee Crutcher* tours and sings with Harry Belafonte.



1976

Due to requests to extend its benefits to teens in other countries, the title was changed to "Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International". The 1st international finals took place in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, the winner was Miss N. Y., *Karen McLellan*.



1977

TTI offers an educational experience and a unique opportunity for thousands of teenagers 13 to 16 years who have a performing talent. *Melody Smith* from New Jersey was the winner at the Longhorn Theatre in Hollywood, California.



1978

Each year thousands of young ladies walk through the doors of TTI sponsors around the world. The winner's door opened for Miss Connecticut, *Sheryl Piland* and she was crowned by Michael Jackson at the Coconut Grove in Los Angeles.



1979

TTI helps to raise the academic achievements of young ladies by providing scholarships to assist in education. This year's scholarship recipient was *Angela Pollack*. Angela resided in New Jersey and was crowned at the Coconut Grove in Los Angeles.



1980

TTI assists young women by helping them express themselves with imagination and intelligence. *Annette Jones* expressed herself well and is currently a member of "101 North" signed with Capitol Records. Miss California won in L. A.

Talented Teens International



1981

Returning from California to in share the 50th Anniversary of the Waldorf Astoria, TTI enters its second decade from the worlds' premier city, New York. Miss *Kimberly Brooks* from Baltimore, Maryland won the crown.



1982

TTI gives ladies the opportunity of displaying their talents before a large audience, on a prestigious stage such as the John F. Kennedy Center For the Performing Arts in Washington D.C. where *Kristel Henderson*, Miss U.S. Virgin Islands took the title.



1983

TTI assists in building self-esteem, self-confidence, self-discipline and positive values. Miss New York, *Delise Jones* possesses all of these qualities and is currently teaching in the New York school system. Miss Jones displayed her talents in California.



1984

The contest was held in Montego Bay, Jamaica on an extraordinary summer evening under the stars. The winner resided in New Jersey...her name *Michelle Thomas*.



1985

Contests are conducted by civic-minded organizations and individuals. This year's winner is a ballet dancer who is currently dancing with the Dance Theatre of Harlem. *Tai Jimenez* "wowed" the judges at the Coconut Grove in Los Angeles.



1986

Prizes for the winners include scholarships, exposure to the music and film industries, and travel abroad which enhances cultural awareness. *Owenn Davis*, an accomplished violinist took the crown on stage at the Apollo in New York City.



1987

Cool breezes blew through the hair of the TTI contestants when they visited St. Croix, St. John and performed live in St. Thomas. The winning contestant was *Tammy Townsend* who hails from Carson, California



1988

The age of entering contestants was raised to 17. The TTI contest was held at the Arie Crown Theatre and *Kiya Dawn Winston* a gymnast from New Jersey stole the judges' hearts.



1989

TTI was designed as an outlet for untapped talent as well as training in staging, choreography, poise, grace, and diction. *Tamica Ellis*, a young lady from Wisconsin possessed all of those qualities and won on the Apollo stage in Harlem, U.S.A.



1990

For 20 years Mr. Jackson has taken on the tremendous task of providing a launching pad for hundreds of thousands of young ladies into the entertainment field. The Wilern Theatre in Los Angeles was the stage, the winner *ReNisha Rayford* from Detroit.

35 Years of Phenomenal Women



1991

The third decade of TTI was started with a triumphant return to the Apollo Theatre. Boyz II Men were on hand to help crown *Myisha Richmond*, 15 from Lawndale, Ca.



1992

Zakiya Munnerlyn, a 15 year old singer from Hillside, N.J. won the judges approval at the world famous Apollo Theatre in New York City.



1993

Rosa Sanchez, a 16 year old gymnast from St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands won the crown in St. Thomas, U.S.V.I. at the Reichhold Center for Performing Arts.



1994

Amanda Stanley, a 17 year old tap dancer from St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands won the Judges hearts and the crown in Washington, D.C. at the historic Lincoln Theater.



1995

Ebony Mack, a 13 year old gospel singer from Irvington, NJ won the judges approval at the world famous Apollo Theatre in New York City.



1996

A 16 year old Modern Dancer from New York City won the International crown on the renowned Apollo stage in NYC. Her name is *Tiffany Walker*.



1997

Quianie Withey leaped her way to the top of the judges score cards when she won the crown in the Bahamas after a wonder week of sun, sand and surf. Quianie is a 16 year old gymnastic dancer.



1998

A Shakespearean actress from New Jersey won the International Crown at the world famous Apollo Theatre. She is 16 year old *Nikiya Mathis* from Elizabeth, New Jersey.



1999

A 15 year old opera singer from Trinidad & Tobago won the International crown in St. Thomas, U. S. Virgin Islands. Her name is *Renee Solomon*.



2000

The 30th Anniversary TTI was celebrated in New York City at Aaron Davis Hall. 15 year old *Nicole Nicholas*, tapped her way into the hearts of our judges and walked away with the International Crown. Alicia Keys & Musiq were special guests.

Talented Teens International

2001



Brian McKnight was the chairperson for our 31st annual competition held in New York City where *Della Hamby*, a 16 year old gymnastic dancer won the judges' approval and walked away with the International Crown.

2002



Mario enchanted the young ladies at a luncheon for the 32nd annual contest. *Teena Lugo*, a 17 year old actress from New Brunswick, NJ won the International crown at the Hudson Theatre on Broadway in New York City.

2003



Tatiana McConnico sang her way into the hearts of our judges which included Cissy Houston in St. Thomas, USVI and won the International crown. Tatiana is 14 years old and from Douglasville, Georgia

2004



Sheryl Lee Ralph was on hand as a judge when *Nicola Dalrymple* won the International Crown in New York City. Nicola is a 15 year old dancer/singer/actress from Trinidad & Tobago

2005



St. Maarten was the venue of the 35th annual HJTTI. The winner is a 16 year old Micheal Jackson impersonator by the name of *Esonica Veira* from the US Virgin Islands.

Who will be Miss Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International 2006?

Are you a **young lady** between the ages of 13 and 17 with a performing talent? Will you be 17 until September 2006? Then you maybe eligible to enter the 37th Annual Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International competition.

Are you a **community minded individual** or organization who would like to run a Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International competition in your location?

Then write to:

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Miss HJTTI 2005

My Steps to Success

It was unbelievable when I heard my name called as the winner of Miss Hal Jackson's Talented Teen International 2005. I couldn't believe it. This couldn't be true. It had to be a dream. I finally found the rainbow's end and with faith, positive thinking and God, soon I will find the pot of gold. These are the steps that help me accomplish the thing I never thought I would have the courage or strength to accomplish.



Step 1: Starting to think positive: I started to appreciate myself and stopped thinking about what people had and what I didn't have and realized that the only thing I could do is work with what I have and make it the best, and it has to be the best because it is coming from me. Lifting up your own spirit sometimes doesn't mean being self-centered. It just shows that you appreciate the gifts that God has given you.

Step 2: Starting to fight fear: I started to fight fear. I got this from the world's greatest friend, K'misha Counts. Whenever you are scared the most to do something, that is when you push yourself, because being scared only holds you back from your dreams and makes things too difficult to achieve anything.

Step 3 Letting go of the negative past: Anything or anyone that has ever done anything negative to you hold you back from your dreams let it go because they are the ones who cannot appreciate themselves to find their own dreams and to follow them, so they have to destroy other.

Step 4: Prayer: Prayer is the greatest gift of all. You get to communicate with God and he listens and answer your prayer in due time when he believes the prayer should be answered. Prayer also gives you an opportunity to give thanks for things you already have. It would not be manners if you received so many things and not say thank you for at least some of them.

Miss Esonica Veira

There are so many steps that I have taken to reach this point, but I am not at my final step, I am definitely getting closer and I can smell the victory in the air and it is unbelievable. There will be times when you start to feel the way you did in the beginning but that's when you remember the great stuff you have accomplished. Life will throw difficult tests at you, but when it rewards you, it is sweeter than anything you have ever felt, and trust me on that one because I know for a fact. After every disappointment is a blessing right around the corner.

2006 Scholarship Program



Alabama
Ashley Jackson, 16
Vocalist



Antigua
Bianca Browne, 15
Pianist



Arkansas
Victoria Gulley, 15
Vocalist



Canada
Kassi Scott, 16
Dancer



Colorado
Melissa Anderson, 17
Vocalist



Connecticut
Olympia Waller, 15
Dancer



Georgia
Kelley Young, 13
Dancer



Illinois
Jasmine McGee, 14
Vocalist



Kentucky
Markeisha Taylor, 16
Actress

International Contestants



Bahamas
Dinetia Dean, 17
Vocalist/Dancer



Bermuda
Kharis Brooks, 15
Actress



California
Candice Ackun, 16
Dancer



Delaware
Diamond Baskerville, 16
Vocalist



District of Columbia
Ayana Hay, 15
Vocalist



Florida
Music Meier, 14
Pianist



Louisiana
Ariel Gradnigo, 15
Vocalist/Dancer/Actress



Maryland
Taylor Penn, 15
Dancer



Massachusetts
Kassandra Woodall, 16
Vocalist

2006 Scholarship Program



Michigan
Brittany Holston, 17
Vocalist



Missouri
Rae Price, 16
Vocalist



New Jersey
Taylor Fields, 15
Dancer



Pennsylvania
Korniece Sudler, 16
Dancer



South Carolina
Marissa Glover, 15
Instrumentalist



St. Lucia
Alisha Hunte, 17
Drama/Dance



US Virgin Islands
Cleavia McBean, 17
Dancer



Virginia
Dominique Ferguson, 17
Actress



Washington
Raven Rahn, 17
Vocalist

International Contestants



New York
Quiana Haynes, 16
Dancer



Nigeria
Victoria Ekorr Ntan, 14
Dancer



North Carolina
Domic Davis, 17
Dancer



St. Maarten
Natorii Illidge 15
Dancer



Tennessee
Jamie Jackson, 17
Vocalist



Trinidad & Tobago
Raquel Winchester, 16
Vocalist

Good Luck to all of you!
You are all
Phenomenal Young Women

Official Ballot *You be the Judge!*

Judge's Name _____ Judge's Name _____

Please make all final scores in ink. Initial any corrections.

AV = Average GD = Good VG = Very Good

I. Appearance (1-20 Points) AV = 1-6 GD = 7-12 VG = 13-20

A Youthful Teenage Appearance

II. Personality and Achievement (1-15 Points) AV = 1-5 GD = 6-10 VG = 11-15

A Good Public Speaking Ability

III. Performing Talent (1-30 Points) AV = 1-10 GD = 11-20 VG = 21-30

Material with Universal Appeal

STATE/ COUNTRY	NAME	AGE	APPEARANCE 1-20	PERSONALITY 1-15	PERFORMING 1-30
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Prizes For our 2006 TTI Stars



Michelle Thomas Scholarships

2006 HJTTI Winner Receives a \$5,000 Scholarship
The 1st Runner-Up Also Receives a \$2,000 Scholarship
The 2nd Runner-Up Receives a \$1,500 Scholarship
The 3rd Runner-Up Receives a \$1,000 Scholarship
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Awarded for the Highest Grade Point Average - \$1,000
Miss Talent \$1,000 Miss Photogenic - \$500
Miss Personality \$250 Miss Creativity - \$250
Miss Congeniality - \$250



A Diamond Ring to The Winner and First Runner Up

Courtesy of Mr. & Mrs. Hal Jackson

A Trip to England

Air Travel Courtesy of Alken Tours

A Trip to The British Virgin Islands

To Attend the BVI HJTTI Competition
Courtesy of the BVI Tourist Board

A Trip to St. Croix, U. S. Virgin Islands

To Attend the U.S. Virgin Islands TTI Competition
Courtesy of Claire Roker, Talented Unlimited, Inc.

One Full Scholarship to Ramapo College of New Jersey

Awarded to the first entering high school senior
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Each Contestant Receives

A Participation Trophy
An Official HJTTI Sash
An Official Talented Teens T-Shirt
An Official Talented Teens Tote Bag
A HJTTI Certificate of Achievement
An Eye Opening Week in New York City





Charles M. Warfield, Jr.
"2005"



Tai Jimenez
"2005"



Elinor R. Tatum
"2005"



2006 Shooting Star Awards

Maurice Hines

Maurice Hines is a star of stage, screen and television whose career began at the age of five, studying tap at the Henry LeTang Dance Studio in New York City. Mr. LeTang recognized his extraordinary talents and started choreographing numbers specifically for Maurice and his brother Gregory. Soon the brothers were appearing on Broadway and touring as the opening act for Lionel Hampton and Gypsy Rose Lee. Their father then joined the act and shortly thereafter,

"Hines, Hines & Dad" was performing to rave reviews in New York, Las Vegas and Europe. The group also appeared on many television shows including "The Pearl Bailey Show," "Hollywood Palace," "Uncle Hal the Kiddie's Pal" and 35 appearances on "The Tonight Show." Mr. Hines pursued a solo career singing and dancing and success soon followed. He has had leading roles in *Guys and Dolls*, *Eubie*, *Bring Back Birdie*, *Jelly's Last Jam*, and *Sophisticated Ladies*. Mr. Hines made his screen debut in "The Cotton Club." As the film hit theaters across the country, so did Ballet Tap USA, a dance company created by Mr. Hines and Mercedes Ellington. Mr. Hines has conceived, directed and choreographed many hit musicals like *Satchmo*, *Harlem Suite* with leading ladies Jennifer Holiday, Stephanie Mills and Melba Moore, *Havana Night*, and an all Latin version of *The Red Shoes* in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Mr. Hines currently has a wildly successful hit on Broadway entitled *Hot Feet* which he conceived, directed and choreographed.



Jewell Jackson McCabe

Jewell Jackson McCabe is a phenomenal business woman with specialization in strategic communications: who serves as director on a variety of boards; is a Presidential, Gubernatorial and Mayoral appointee; a consultant to major corporations, cultural and civic institutions; and is founder of a national women's advocacy organization: the National Coalition of 100 Black Women. Ms. McCabe has been a guest on news programs such as the Today Show, interviewed by Katie Couric, with New York Times op-ed columnist and senior writer for The New York Times Magazine, Frank Rich and former Republican National Committee Chair, Haley Barbour, analyzing, President Bush's State of the Union Address, 2003. As President of Jewell Jackson McCabe Associates – a multi-lingual (English, Chinese, Spanish, Portuguese, French, Italian, German and Russian) management consulting firm specializing in strategic communications, executive coaching and training – she has advised a wide range of corporations in the private and public sector.



Tiffany Walker

Born and raised in New York City, Tiffany Walker is an alumnus of LaGuardia High School of the Performing Arts and a cum laude graduate of Brooklyn College with a Bachelor of Science degree in TV & Radio / Broadcast Journalism and a concentrated study in Public Speaking. In 2002, she was crowned Miss New York State and was a Top 10 Miss America finalist. She spent her year as a dynamic motivational speaker targeting young people with her platform "Youth Empowerment." Tiffany appeared in various media including *Sister to Sister* magazine, *Right-On*, *Elite Hair*, *Jet*, *New York Times*, *WB*, *Fox*, *ABC*, *PAX* and more. She was also featured in a United Negro College Fund commercial directed by Spike Lee. Becoming actively involved in the area of Broadcasting, Tiffany spent three years as the co-host of the television show "Profiles" the official network and flagship channel of New York City, NYC TV 74 before co-founding Talent Of Purpose, Inc., a non-profit performing arts and leadership program committed to developing performers and building leaders.





Intercultural Week

The Ladies Experienced an Intercultural Week in New York City



Official Welcome to NYC

The Contestants, and State & Country Directors were given a Welcoming to New York City at City Hall

Luncheons at

Spoonbread, on the Spirit of New York & Maroons

We Had a Guided Tour

Of New York City on a Double Decker Bus

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We Saw Hot Feet

A Broadway Play, featuring the music of Earth, Wind & Fire

6th Annual Shooting Star Awards Ceremony

The 2006 Representatives, along with the State & Country Directors, Saluted Maurice Hines, Jewell Jackson McCabe, & Tiffany Walker At an Elegant Affair at Tavern on the Green

PRELIMINARY NIGHT REUNION

The 2006 TTI Delegates & Directors Partied Along with Former Talented Teens Hosted by Cynthia Horner, President of CHIPS



Miss HJTTI 2005



Farewell Address

On May 29th, 2005 I realized that dreams so become reality, as I was crowned Ms. Hal Jackson's Virgin Island Talented Teen. But that was just the beginning, as on July 29th, I won the title of Ms. Hal Jackson's International talented Teen 2005-2006 and also winning best talent. This accomplishment had special significance because although this was the fifth time that the United State Virgin Island had won the International title, I became the first delegate from St. Thomas to achieve that goal. History was made. My journey towards becoming a world class performer was just beginning.

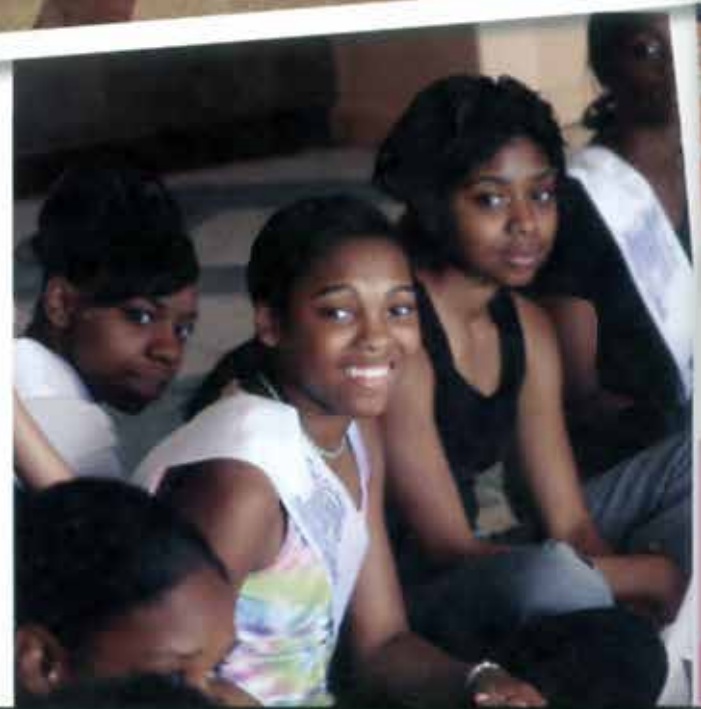
Winning this prestigious title provided me with many opportunities. I had no idea how pleasantly hectic my life would become. I have appeared twice on face to face with Addie Ottley. I have been featured in local, regional and stateside newspapers, magazines and all over the internet. I have also been interviewed by local and Caribbean radio stations. I have participated in the carnival and festival parades on St. John, St. Croix and St. Thomas. I also participated in the University of the Virgin Island's Celebrity Golf Tournament as a guest model. While there, I was offered a scholarship to attend Debbie Allen's School Of Dance in California for the summer session.

My prize for winning the International Pageant included a diamond ring, a silver watch, a trip to the British Virgin Islands, a \$6,000 scholarship to the University of my choice and the highlight of it all, a trip to London. We traveled to New York where we met Hal and Debi Jackson, then off we flew to London. That trip was truly amazing. Thank you Hal and Debi Jackson for a wonderful week.

Hal Jackson's International Talented Teen has allowed me the opportunity to make numerous appearances in my community and other islands. I have traveled to and performed in St. Kitts and Tortola, and I should be off to Antigua very soon. My activities included fashion shows with The Roses & Champagne Modeling Agency, with whom I have been a model since nine years old. Also, I have been a guest model at Senator Celestino White's Fashion Gala, the Gail Francis Memorial Scholarship Fundraiser, the Miss USVI Award & Recognition Luncheon and the American Cancer Society's Fundraiser. I performed at the 2006 Ms. Big, Bold & Beautiful International Pageant, and the St. Thomas Carnival's Princess Pageant. I have been the guest of many of the school and local pageants on St. Thomas. Another step toward my future goals was being in the cast of two commercials, namely Gatorade and Sandal Sole. Keep your eye on you television screen as you just may see me! Of course, I cannot forget to thank Hal and Debi Jackson for this exciting week in New York, the grand finale of reign.

To the 2006 contestants, I wish you much success not only tonight, but in all of your endeavors. Remember, you are all winners. To my successor, it is indeed an honor to win this title. Proudly keep the Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International Legacy alive. I Have learned from this entire experience, that dedication and hard work does bring positive results. As I say goodbye tonight, I leave with these words that inspire me. "Think not of what you cannot do, but of what you can achieve, for you will be respected if you strive for what you believe" Do not be afraid to dream big. "Don't ever give up on you" Dreams do become reality. Farewell and God Bless





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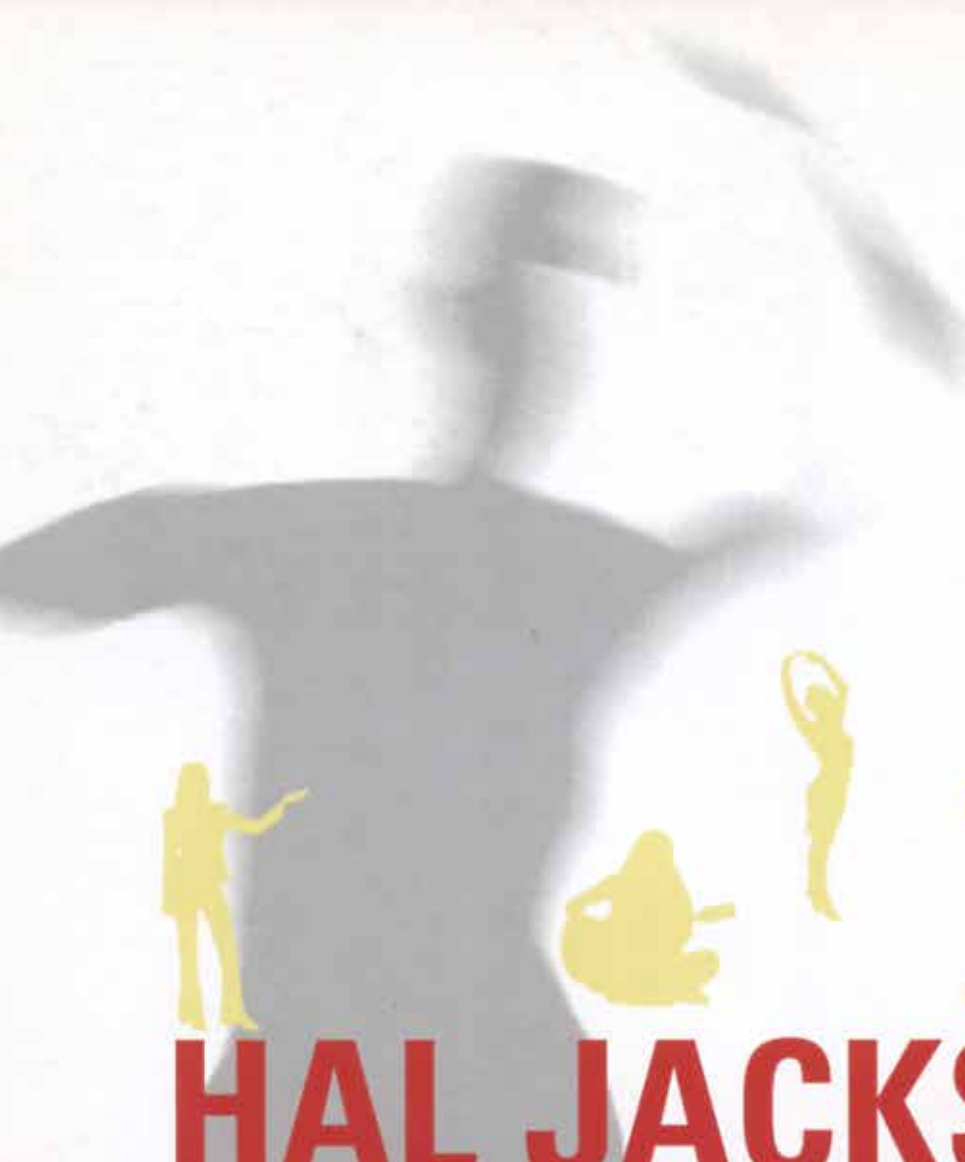
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