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## America's got talent (finals)

Posted by KPW1956 - 2006/08/16 20:44

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I know some might be interested... That America's got talent show is on tonight and tomorrow the winner will be revealed.. So I guess the last 2 shows.

I've seen the first 3 acts... and act 2 (out of 10 finalists) was the magician... He and the english judge had some words... and I think the judge was a bit rattled (though he's pretending not to be). He essentially got booed by the crowd who agreed with the magician on his comments to the judge! Seems to be underlying hostility on the panel... Maybe it's all an act... It mirrors the behavior somewhat of the American Idol panel at times!

I noticed a week or 2 ago.. You can catch the show rerun on Bravo during the week or so afterwards.. check the bravo schedule if you want to try to catch it again if you missed it tonight.

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## Re:America's got talent (finals)

Posted by Nadia - 2006/08/16 20:54

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I'm watching it right now KPW....well kinda of :laugh: I'm listening to it.

Nothing really good on to watch. :(

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## Re:America's got talent (finals)

Posted by KPW1956 - 2006/08/16 21:06

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Did you hear that bruhaha between Piers and the Magician?

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## Re:America's got talent (finals)

Posted by Nadia - 2006/08/16 21:18

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No sorry. I did just hear Danielle's little speech it was touching.

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## Re:America's got talent (finals)

Posted by Nadia - 2006/08/16 21:26

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Sorry I was talking about "so you think you can dance" I'm all mixed up here.

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## Re:America's got talent (finals)

Posted by KPW1956 - 2006/08/16 21:32

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## Re:America's got talent (finals)

Posted by grizzlys4 - 2006/08/17 00:18

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I loved most of the acts tonite.....and because they're so diverse, it will be difficult and pretty much random to pick a

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winner!! They all will go places in their respective genres!!!! My absolute top 2 are:

Bianca

and

All That

But I really liked most of them!!! I loved the quick change act (cute with Brandy in the act too!)....and really, each act can only change and/or add so much. After all, Rapping Granny is just that.....a rapper. I REALLY liked the way the harmonica playing kiddo responded to the Piers issue.....a GREAT attitude that leaves him looking mature and respectful, but still confident. The Celtic Spring kiddos were really more disrespectful....and even though \*I\* think adults can and should put him in his place and/or read him a riot act, I do not like it from kids. It comes off making them look mouthy and it really doesn't teach them that \*\*\*\*especially\*\*\*\* in this business of show biz.....how to handle criticism with grace.

That being said.....I have to add that I really do love the jugglers too!!! Ooooh, it's hard to pick a winner!!

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### Re:America\'s got talent (finals)

Posted by KPW1956 - 2006/08/17 00:43

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Well I think the Celtic Spring thing... was just one kid who might very well have spoken out of frustration. I think his dad cut him off and thought he tried to salvage the situation by saying Piers was still one of his 3 favorite judges. I'm having bad ear problems of late..so I do miss some of the dialogue.. I'm not sure exactly what the kid had said to Piers.. But more than likely some of the acts back stage had already heard some of the stuff coming out of his mouth in the earlier acts. Not trying to excuse his behavior.. but Piers (I think is his name) was really rather insulting to people tonight. He got booed left and right..Or the equivalent of booing..

Grizz.. I had also thought about the fact that for some of these people to be successful, they do need to have some variety in their act.. Rapping Granny is more of a novelty act ...I like her, I think she is a hoot... and I think she has a charming personality! I think the couple who did the physical acrobatics type act... is similar.. How much variety or long of a show could they do...

I thought the Celtic spring dancers were amazing.. Could have done without the first part... but I guess they had to lead into their dance somehow... I just thought they synchronized extremely well...and it was some amazing footwork.

I think all of them surely could get jobs doing gigs... and make a living at their craft.

I plan to watch tomorrow!

Anyone think Piers is just doing the Simon thing! Afterall this show is the brainchild and produced by Simon Cowell!

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### Re:America\'s got talent (finals)

Posted by Nadia - 2006/08/17 07:40

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KPW1956 wrote:

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hehehehe sorry about that KPW.

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### Re:America\'s got talent (finals)

Posted by Debby - 2006/08/17 11:57

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I thought Piers is just trying to raise a little controversy. I don't think they want three judges to sit there and say pretty much the same thing. Also, I think the show believes that rudeness will cause people to pick up the phones and vote.

I tried to vote, not because of Piers, but I never got through. I tried about 25 times. I started calling right after Bianca performed and continued until about 30 minutes after the show went off. Busy, Busy, Busy.

I like the Celtic dancers too, I really enjoyed their performance. I actually liked the Amazing Grace on the violin. I must have missed something. What did that have to do with 9-11 that Piers was complaining about. Grizz, I didn't hear that boy say anything really bad to Piers. Maybe, I missed it.

I think there is difference in true talent and an act. I think most people can learn to do magic tricks. What impresses me is a shocking expertise at something such as singing or playing an instrument. I did like the harmonica playing boy but not a million dollars worth. I think that Bianca is the only person who demonstrates a talent of such magnitude to be awarded a million dollars. If she doesn't win, I will be soooo shocked, but you never know. If they set it up that voters calls can't get through, then what can you do?

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### Re:America\'s got talent (finals)

Posted by KPW1956 - 2006/08/17 21:59

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Bianca Ryan Won!

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### Re:America\'s got talent (finals)

Posted by startovernut - 2006/08/18 03:47

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I am so glad Bianca won it!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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### Re:America\'s got talent (finals)

Posted by KPW1956 - 2006/08/18 08:04

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I was a little disappointed about the way they broke up the 10 finalists and.... Were the 3 finalists...actually the top 3?... It seemed someone did helter skelter divide by numbers (bleachers) and then call out the 2 guy groups.. out of the final pack... and then eliminated them.. That left the 3... The 2 young girls including Bianca and Celtic Spring.. (Which I thought was great too..)

The whole show took on more of a circus act...leading up to the announcement of the winner. I guess they were just trying to do something different..

Poor Bianca never even got to say a word the whole show... Although once she was announced the winner with about a minute and a half left of the show... She was speechless and the tears began to stream down her face... I thought surely her parents would come up and join her on the stage... But I never saw that..

Did anybody else think the final show was a little strange? Or could have been done better? I know it's the first season of the show... so maybe they'll be able to tweak it next time.

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### Re:America\'s got talent (finals)

Posted by Debby - 2006/08/18 12:26

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I didn't like the show at all!!! I kept switching the channel to make sure I didn't miss the winner. Everytime I switched to the show I thought uhhhh. What is this?

I was soooo happy Bianca won. She looked as if she had not been prepared to win. I thought she was tooo overwhelmed.

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You want to hear something ironic. After Bianca's second performance, the judge's suggested she go back to her original stlye music. I must have thought of what song she should do for her last performance for hours. I hoped she would do I Am Changing, which is also from Dream Girls and that is exactly what she did. Actually it is the song that immediately follows And I Am Telling You on the Dream Girls soundtrack, which was the first song she performed. I screamed out loud when she starting singing the song that I had thought was her best choice. I wonder if she will get an offer for a Broadway show or record deal.

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## Re:America\'s got talent (finals)

Posted by KPW1956 - 2006/08/18 12:37

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Funny you mention Broadway... I was thinking that would be a good venue for her and the other young girl. (assuming she can sing as well!)..

I'm glad you came out and said what I was trying to diplomatically say... I didn't like the show format either!

A couple of my family members came in while I had it on...and they were like 'what in the world is this garbage'?

Had I known it would have been done like that... I would have keyed in on the last 10 minutes..

Funny, I didn't even start watching the show until someone mentioned Bianca Ryan..and I saw the video clip. I have only watched it for 3 weeks or so..

I thought the other magician was one of the finalists..

Does Bianca ever wear shoes? I think it cute..and surprised noone has mentioned it...

Debby, Did you understand how they sorted the final 10? Were they based on the votes? And the 3 finalists the top 3 vote getters?

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## Re:America\'s got talent (finals)

Posted by Serena - 2006/08/18 13:36

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## Re:America\'s got talent (finals)

Posted by Debby - 2006/08/18 15:28

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KPW, I didn't understand exactly what the breakdown was for the two different groups at the end. I don't think Regis explained it very well if at all. However from the groups last standing, I think they were the ones in the top. The ones in Bianca's group that is that were on the right of the screen. That means that Rappin' Granny was not even close to beating Bianca which was a surprise. I thought she would get many votes.

I think that show was not produced well. It always seemed to have procedures that never let you know how they worked. I never understood the semi-finals either. Everything was confusing. Like when did the judge's votes count and when didn't they count. There seemed to be no rhyme or reason behind it. Why were all those non-finalist on the final show? Maybe if I watched it more intently I would know, but, I just couldn't.

I know I will not have the patience to watch anything like that again. I'm not a big fan of most dancing, although I like to do it myself, or magicians or acrobatics, etc. I would probably watch a talent show of only vocalists and/or instrumentalists. I'm just wierd that way. Something must have screwed me up as a child because I never liked the circus, clowns, or juggling. None of that stuff appeals to me. I know it sounds crazy, but there's little chance I'm going to change that now.

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## Re:America\'s got talent (finals)

Posted by grizzlys4 - 2006/08/18 17:18

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First of all.....YAAAAY for Bianca!!!! She truly is an amazing talent.

Next, let me clear up my comment. I really do understand the why behind Celtic Spring's young boy's comments!! And I'd have said soooooo much worse to Piers myself! I'm truly glad that the man in the quick change act really spoke his mind. All I'm saying is this.....it really comes across as general disrespect which kids really need to learn how to curb toward adults. Yes, many adults are atrocious and say truly nasty things.....but I strive very much to teach my kiddos to rise above. I'm not taking that young man to task.....after all, we all have breaking points and Piers is so obviously there to push buttons!! But, for me, it's really about helping this young man be able to handle this nasty world of show biz while keeping his own integrity and self-control. Please don't think I'm defending Piers at all.....IMO he is taking the "Simon Cowell" acting job to a higher level for his own noteriety and gain!! And I DO love the Celtic Spring group.....they are very talented and enjoyable!!!

Finally.....I so agree with you guys about the way they scripted the finale show. Very chaotic, disorganized and just plain wacky!! The only thing my hubby and I could come up as far as the order of winner is that the ones who won cars (All That and The Millers) were 2nd and 3rd.

Yep.....I do think many of them will find venues that will support them. I enjoyed several of them!

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## Re:America\'s got talent (finals)

Posted by KPW1956 - 2006/08/18 17:51

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Well Grizz. that makes sense if All that and the Miller's won cars that they were 2nd and 3rd place... I don't think Celtic Spring won anything or the other young girl.. (Samantha???) So maybe they were 4th and 5th...

It's assumed that the other half ... were 6th through 10th... but they could have just as easily divided the numbers of people since it looked like they were evenly divided.

One thing... they also never showed any final tallies... Debby (or someone) mentioned never being able to get through... Maybe there was a glitch! At the least, I think they should have shown the home audience what the tallies were of votes.

I think I agree with Debby, that I probably won't bother watching next time!

I thought the young man in Celtic Spring was curtailed quickly by his dad.. (assuming it was his dad) Which was wise.. I understand the young man's frustration as he probably thought Piers was dissing his family.. I'm sure the news was going on backstage of some of Piers comments to those who had come on before them. Dad I think reined him in and soothed the situation over as best he could.. by calling Piers one of his 3 favorite judges still.

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## Re:America\'s got talent (finals)

Posted by KPW1956 - 2006/08/19 06:59

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Just saw this... on Bianca winning.

The article mentions that it's coming back... in January.:S

I hope they do some tweaking of it!

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## Re:America\'s got talent (finals)

Posted by KPW1956 - 2006/08/19 06:59

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Oops...forgot the link..

[http://news.yahoo.com/s/eo/20060818/en\\_tv\\_eo/19795](http://news.yahoo.com/s/eo/20060818/en_tv_eo/19795)

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## Re:America\'s got talent (finals)

Posted by Serena - 2006/08/19 07:09

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I get what you're saying about the kids being mouthy, Grizz. But what those kids reacted to was him crossing the line even very conservative parents teach their kids. To their credit, the kids didn't go off on Piers over scathing personal criticism or matters of taste. They only flipped when it involved their brothers. As a parent of one of those kids, you'd have to be mentally high-fiving yourself for teaching values, even if it didn't exactly play well on national tv.

And, they made the point pretty well that these little superstars didn't come out of vacuum. Their talents we carefully supported and honed by those very family members. Anyway, if I were Piers (perish the thought), I wouldn't want to find myself in a dark alley with the Miller bros or those Irish kids any time soon. They've all got monster shoes, and they know how to use 'em!

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## Re:America\'s got talent (finals)

Posted by grizzlys4 - 2006/08/19 14:08

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Sooooooooooooo very true Ser!!! Actually I'm envisioning shoe prints all over his very head at the moment!!!! ;):laugh:

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## Re:America\'s got talent (finals)

Posted by Serena - 2006/08/20 07:03

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grizzlys4 wrote:

Sooooooooooooo very true Ser!!! Actually I'm envisioning shoe prints all over his very head at the moment!!!! ;):laugh:

:laugh: :woohoo: :laugh:

Then I guess it's a good thing All That isn't mad at him, too!

That was the first time I ever saw cloggers work with taps on their shoes. Seems like it'd make you slip and slide a lot, doesn't it? I'd have thought nailheads like they use for flamenco shoes would work better. Anyway, I liked seeing the tradional Irish stuff and the new fusion stuff together. I took a class once that included clogging. It's not as easy as it looks!

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## Re:America\'s got talent (finals)

Posted by KPW1956 - 2006/08/20 14:52

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I thought their act was more like Riverdance... than clogging. I'm sure the dance styles stream from one another and evolve..

I don't know what culture clogging became synonymous with... But Riverdance and the type of dancing Celtic Spring did I think is modern take on Irish cultural dancing.

I just looked it up ... "Riverdance is a theatrical show consisting of traditional Irish step dancing, notable for its rapid leg movements while body and arms are kept largely stationary."

Apparently clogging has more of a folk bent to it... and clogging was typically with wooden shoes. When looking up the differences between the 2... It looked like clogging might also have a square dance element.. Then again..it could be that one has borrowed from the other... Clogging apparently has been around for hundreds of years!

I think both of them look really hard! For everyone to be so totally in sync with one another... is just amazing!

I really enjoyed Celtic Spring too!

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## Re:America\'s got talent (finals)

Posted by ceilidh - 2006/08/20 18:15

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Just to tag on here...and keeping in mind that I did not see the show in question... I heard that clogging and square dancing in this country evolved from Irish step dancing and Scottish "reels."

Back in the old , old days, if you owned shoes at all, they were likely to be wooden "clogs!" In England they have what they call Morris dancing also. I think that all the folk dances probably started as a form of "self entertainment" get togethers...and you just happened to be wearing clogs!!

You can also hear the Scots/Irish influence in country music...the traditional kind...lots of fiddles and "plaintive" notes...songs about ordinary life...

Traditional dance in Scotland is referred to as "Scottish country dancing" ...although soft leather "pumps" are used,

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instead of clogs.

"Riverdance" sort of updated step dancing...a lot of Spanish influence in there too, I thought, both in attitude and clothing, especially the mens'. In Ireland there is what they call the "black Irish" ...descendants of shipwrecked Spaniards, so the story goes...black referring to darker hair.

To my "ear", country music and dance here have all the above influences, as well as a little French thrown in for good measure...and it's very popular in Scotland and Ireland. They say that music is a universal language, and I personally believe that our "roots" play a big part in what "appeals" to us. I really do think it's genetic!!!!  
:P

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