



WOR Radio 710 Announces Six Local Students Finalists in “WOR’S Shining Star Talent Search”

Six Finalists Compete For Great Prizes For Themselves & \$10,000 For Their School!

(New York, New York – June 7, 2007) – WOR Radio 710 has been searching for upcoming talent at New York City tri-state area schools, and after live performances by the top twenty-five semi-finalist, the six finalists in **WOR’s Shining Star Talent Search** have been announced. The finalists are **Zewdy Awalom** from *Union High School* in New Jersey; **Nicole Brown** from *New Rochelle High School* and **Cheyenne Elliott** from *Hommocks Middle School* in Westchester; **Blair Goldberg**, a senior at *Nassau BOCES Cultural Arts Center* in Syosset, and **Travis Finlay**, a 7th grader at *Baldwin Middle School* on Long Island; and Manhattan resident **Samantha Margulies**, a senior at the *Bronx High School of Science!* These students were among twenty-five semi-finalists selected out of an enormous number of entries to compete live in front of their family and friends at *WOR’s Shining Star Sing-Off* at the Marriott Financial Center in Lower Manhattan on June 2nd, where a panel of entertainment industry professionals chose the finalists. Each student is in the running to win a grand prize of \$2,500 and a professional recording session for themselves and **\$10,000 for their school**. The 1st runner-up wins \$1,500, and the 2nd runner-up wins \$750. The top three finalists will each sing live in front of thousands of attendees at *WOR’s Get Healthy Expo* on June 16th.

On Monday June 11, the six finalists' songs will be played at 6:30am on *The WOR Morning Show with Joe Bartlett and Donna Hanover* (weekdays, 5am-9am). Listeners will be able to call in to vote for their favorite beginning Monday June 11 at 7:30am through Wednesday, June 13 at 4pm. The winner and two runners-up will be announced on Thursday, June 14th.

The finalists were chosen by a judging panel comprised of legendary disc jockey "**Cousin Brucie**" **Morrow**; WOR latenight host and legendary Top-40 disc jockey **Joey Reynolds**; Kamen Entertainment Group's **Marina Kamen**, who is giving a professional recording session to the winning student; and 4th Season American Idol favorite, **Anthony Fedorov**, who is currently starring Off-Broadway in *THE FANTASTICKS* and who will perform live at *WOR's Get Healthy Expo* on June 16th at 10:45am.