



Congratulations, 2016 State Fair Superstar Semi-Finalists!

Novi, MI: The second annual **State Fair Superstar Contest** anchors live musical entertainment at the State Fair in 2016, sponsored by **Pepsi-Cola!** This wildly popular feature of the Fair debuted in 2014 with more than 70 entrants, with the Grand Prize awarded to **Alison Albrecht**, 14, of Novi. The Superstar contest offers a purely Michigan mentoring twist on the standard pop music talent contest formula, with production of a three song EP at world famous **Pearl Sound Studios** of Canton, with internationally renowned sound engineer and producer **Chuck Alkazian**, plus songwriting advice plus artist and repertoire coaching from award-winning artist/producer **Nadir Omowale**, live performance booking consultation from **2 Stones Events**, and in addition to a cash prize and Indie Music Business Coaching from Music Mentor **Jill Jack and her new enterprise, Dream Big, Inc.** Fifteen semi-finalists, representing a broad range of musical genres and styles will perform on the Main Stage Thursday evening September 1, and Friday evening September 2. Five finalists will perform for the judges on Saturday September 3, with the Grand Prize Winner and Runner-Up headlining the State Fair on Sunday evening September 4.

The 2016 Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair Superstar Contest Semi-Finalists are:

Sophia Avocado, Roseville
 Stuart Benbow, Westland
 Al Bettis, Detroit
 Cayenne and Ginger, Lake Orion
 Redi Choi, Canton
 Chris Cranick, Hartland
 Rachel Curtis, Lansing
 Mia Green, Troy

Delores Harris (aka Lady Dee), Southfield
 Just Pete, Detroit
 Fam First Dre, Detroit
 TJ Kelly, Columbus
 No Sin in Eden, Gibraltar
 Rye Whiskey, Monroe
 Ben Will, Detroit



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