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Idolpalooza Takes Australia

Talented singers of American Idol fame entertain U.S. troops stationed overseas

Washington, D.C. (April 5, 2012) – [Armed Forces Entertainment](#) sends former American Idol contestants Naima Adedapo, Jovany Barreto, Colin Benward, Kendra Chantelle, John Wayne Schulz, Lauren Turner and Rachel Zevita to perform for U.S. troops stationed in Australia. The singers will showcase their amazing voices, pose for pictures, sign autographs and extend their gratitude to the men and women in uniform.

Adedapo was a contestant on the 10th season of *American Idol* and was one of six contestants selected to sing for a wild card and eventually made it into the top 11. Barreto was a top 16 finalist on *American Idol* Season 10 and brought his "dual-threat" style of music to the stage by dominating his performances bilingually. Benward is the lead singer for an alternative rock band called *Waterlow* and was a contestant on season nine of *American Idol*. Since his time on *American Idol* he has made several cameos as one of the Warblers on the hit T.V. show *Glee*.

After finishing as one of the top female contestants for *American Idol* 2011, Chantelle put her original music out to the rest of the country and spent time in the studio with producer Elvis Williams and Grammy Award-winning producer Harold Lilly. Schulz was a contestant on Season 10 of *American Idol* and debuted his first record, *Ropin' Dreams*, at the tender age of 14. Turner made it to Hollywood on the 10th season of *American Idol* and started singing before she could speak. Zevita auditioned for season six of *American Idol* but was not selected as a contestant for the show until season 10.

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