



Eventual winner Margie Garcia performs "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."



Margie Garcia and event host Mark Lieberman await the judges' decision.

DWP Idol

■ **DWP's Choraliers stages talent showcase. Final winner: Margie Garcia. Other groups perform, too.**

Information and photos courtesy Heidi Bass, Choraliers President

DWP — The Choraliers, the DWP's singing performance group, held the finals of its three-round talent competition Choraliers Showcase 2007 vocal competition June 22 in the John Ferraro Office Building.

The grand winner was Margie Garcia, PTD.

Other groups that participated during the finals performance were the Choraliers, Voices of Power, the Showcase Band and the DWP Dance Club.

Competition contestants over the three rounds included Heidi Bass, Kelvin Bell, Anthony Cruz, Alfonso Franco, Margie Garcia, Mark Holland, Hector Miro, Paul Ramey, Lucretia Rutland, Todd Terry and Helene Zamorano.

The Choraliers, which has been performing for 42 years, had several encore performances with skillfully choreographed numbers featuring popular songs such as "YMCA" and theme songs from classic hit TV shows. Voices of Power offered several gospel and inspirational songs, directed by Kelvin Bell on piano. The Showcase Band featuring Dale Thompson (bass), Steve Johnson (guitar), John Mosser (drums) and Ron Snyder (keyboard), accompanied the majority of singers. Members of the DWP Dance Club, directed by Lourdes Zerrudo, also performed.

The master of ceremonies for all three rounds was Mark Lieberman, a singer himself.

Judges included: Round one, Armida Brown, Retired DWP; Steven Applegate, Director of the Choraliers; and DWP CFO Ron Vazquez. Round

two judges were April Steffen, ITS, and former Choraliers President; Greg Black, Manager, Rates and Contracts; and Applegate. Round three judges were David Nahai, President of the Board of WP Commissioners; Dina Bennett, swing band leader; Mary Lou Metzger of the Lawrence Welk Resorts; and Applegate.

The Club was a sponsor of the Showcase.

Grand prize winner Garcia won \$250, a trophy and five hours of studio recording time. Security Officer Paul Ramey and Lucretia Rutland, Field Services, CSO, tied for first runner up. Kelvin Bell, Account Services, CSO, and Helen Zamorano, retired City employee, received second runner up prizes.

Heidi L. Bass, President of the DWP Choraliers, said, "In 20 years of performing with the Choraliers and six years on the Executive Board, this was the most challenging, yet most rewarding show I've ever produced, as it featured all five DWP performing groups, singers and audiences from all over the DWP family."

"We're grateful to DWP management, employees, Employees Association and fans, as we can't do these shows without you!"

The Club congratulates all who participated in the Choraliers Showcase, and thanks to Heidi Bass, Choraliers President, for all her hard work in producing the Showcase event.



The Choraliers performed a tribute to television theme songs

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