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Shelby Idol Finals: July 13, 2013

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Shelby Idol 2013 ended on a high note Saturday at the Strand Theatre, crowning two winners in the competition organizers say keeps the talent coming.

Jamie Nielsen won the junior division of the contest and Jeena Brown won the open division.

Nielsen, 16, won by singing "Your Song" and "Don't Rain on My Parade."

"I feel pretty good," the North Decatur High School junior said. She said there was stiff competition from a field of talented singers. "I thought it was going to be right there," she said.

She will now try her hand by auditioning for NBC's "The Voice" in St. Louis next week.

Several supporters were in the audience for her, including her mom.

"There was a lot of good talent," said Sharon Nielsen, who said her daughter practices singing and the piano almost non-stop.

Brown, a Shelbyville resident, won the open division with "My Immortal" and "Lady Marmalade."

She said she has bad stage fright, but it wasn't noticeable through her energetic renditions of her songs. She had support from family and friends in the audience, but she won over some strangers, who stood and cheered her on, getting into the songs.

Brown said the tallying of the scores was very close.

"It was really close between everybody," she said.

She said she doesn't know what she'll do next. She continues to sing in her church choir and will possibly be involved with Shelby Idol 2014.

"I want to help out with this next year," she said.

Organizer Angie Caudill said the competition was strong again this year.

"It was good," she said of the show. "It was crazy like always." "I'm always impressed," she said. "The talent keeps coming."

Proceeds from the show go to support the Strand Theatre, 215 S. Harrison St.

Other competitors included Grace Daulton, Sean Garrison, Elizabeth Eddy, Cassidy Kelly, Emma Hill, Meghan Schantz, Lauren Taylor, Alicia VanDuyn and Jake Atwood.

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