

valley youth theatre

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Jordin Sparks Gives Back Through
Super Bowl Celebrity Charity Gala
January 30
Valley Youth Theatre, others to benefit

When a timid 13 year-old Jordin Sparks made her first stage appearance in Valley Youth Theatre's *The Wiz* in 2002, no one could predict what the future held for her. Now, as her whirlwind year as the 2007 *American Idol* winds down, she is looking back to help those who helped her get her start as she hosts the Jordin Sparks Super Bowl Celebrity Charity Gala, Wednesday, January 30 at Skye Fine Dining and Live Entertainment in Peoria.

Joining Jordin to perform will be other *American Idol* favorites Melinda Doolittle, Sanjaya, Chris Richardson and Lakisha Jones. Fellow VYT alum and star of the Disney Channel movie, *Minutemen*, Chelsea Staub will also be on hand to sign autographs.

"Valley Youth Theatre is proud of Jordin's accomplishments and honored that she is giving back to those of us who have supported her from the beginning. When she first appeared with VYT, she had this great smile and so much potential." says Bobb Cooper, Producing Artistic Director at Valley Youth Theatre. "It has been so incredible to watch her emerge as the fantastic performer and gracious adult that she is today. We are grateful that she has remembered us in this way."

Tickets for the Under 21 event that will run from 3:00- 5:30 p.m. are \$25.00 and are available by calling Skye Fine Dining and Live Entertainment at 623-334-0010 or on-line through Ticketmaster. Tickets for the Super Bowl Celebrity Charity Gala Over 21 event that begins at 7:30 p.m. are available at Skye Fine Dining and Live Entertainment 623-334-0010 or on-line through Ticketmaster. For an up-to-the minute list of performers, visit www.jordinsparkscharities.com.

Skye Fine Dining and Live Entertainment is located at 16844 N. Arrowhead Fountain Center Drive in Peoria.

Valley Youth Theatre is a non-profit organization that targets young people age 7 – 19 for participation in and attendance at quality live theatre productions. Its positive impact on youth provides them with lifelong lessons through a wide range of performing arts opportunities. VYT is an award-winning theatre company most recently winning 32 ariZoni Awards for theatrical excellence in the 2005-2006 season. Valley Youth Theatre is supported in part by the Arizona Commission on the Arts with funding from the State of Arizona and the National Endowment for the Arts. Partial funding also is provided by the Phoenix Arts Commission through appropriations from the Phoenix City Council.

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