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Young talent rocks In a broad way

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VENTNOR – Some of the area's best young talent performed in the third edition of "Carol and Friends Junior Talent Show" Sunday, Aug. 26 at the Newport Avenue beach pavilion.

The audience heard pop, Broadway, rock, country, standards and songs performed in English and Spanish. These kids went all out to entertain the audience and they received much applause.

Rocco Fiorentino, 10, who joins his grandparents as a summer resident of Ventnor and Brigantine, is blessed with perfect pitch

and a voice that soars.

Fiorentino, who has been blind from birth, dazzled the audience with his ability.

He spends hours each day playing the piano and working in his home music studio.

Amy Anderson, 9, is a bright and bubbly youngster from Margate. She enjoys singing and acting and played the role of Molly in a recent production of Annie Jr.

Amanda DeSouza, 13, of Linwood enjoys singing though she has never taken vocal lessons. She performed two songs a cappella and did an outstanding job. Her up-tempo performance was fun and pleased the audience. DeSouza per-

formed the part of Miss Hannigan in Annie Jr.

Micaela Diamond, 7, of Margate is no stranger to the stage. She is not shy and her performance is full of pizzazz.

Frankie Chisholm, 11, of Galloway Township is a natural. He has so much talent that he looks like he's having fun while he is performing. Chisholm knows instinctively how to sell a song and he does. He already has his own style and a pleasant voice. He really moves on stage and grooves to the beat.

Carol Pacentrilli, 11, of Ventnor put the show together and served as emcee. Pacentrilli invites her friends to perform and share



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Rocco Fiorentino performs,

the stage with her. In addition to singing, she played Annie in the Annie Jr. production and sounds the

part.

The audience included Ventnor Mayor Tim Kreisler and Superinten-

dent of Schools Carmine Bonanni. Both men said they were extremely proud of the young performers.