

Leah (14) brings 'Britain's Got Talent' audience to their feet



Singing sensation Leah Corcoran was the only one from an entry of 8,800 from the Belfast auditions to make it in front of Simon Cowell and the judges for 'Britain's got talent'.

The gifted performer from Finian's Park had a crowd of 3,000 standing in adoration in the televised heats in Blackpool, but it was felt at 14 she was just too young to advance.

However, it was a close call with well know comedian David Williams feeling she should get a chance. Alesha Dixon indicated she needed a bit more time while Simon admitted he was undecided, before going with Alesha. But the music business legend urged her to come back in the future... The St Oliver's student, who was described as a 'rough diamond' by Louis Walsh at last year's School Stars Finals at the TLT, decided to enter the hit TV series, advancing through the early stages before Christmas. She then took part in the full Belfast auditions in January, a spellbinding performance of 'Footprints in the sand' sending her through to meet the judges.

That involved a trip to Blackpool in front of thousands of fans. She was a bit nervous but began with 'Footprints in the sand' but Simon put his hand up and asked had she something else. She listed four songs and sang Jar of Hearts, which went down well,' proud dad Seamus stated. The crowd gave her a great reaction, chanting 'bring her back' as she left the stage. She met Ant and Dec behind the scenes and they loved her too.

Indeed she was told that out of 88,000 who entered the competition she had made it to the last 230, a remarkable achievement in itself.

It's just a matter of age with Leah as she is still young at 14, but there was a great reaction