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Posted by ammoncougar1 - 2008/04/24 07:06

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Posted by gordito - 2008/04/24 07:26

Sorry, I've never seen the show and had no idea that two Mormons were on it. So to answer your question, I'm not a fan.

Re:How do you feel about Idols?

Posted by harlinestillopen - 2008/04/24 08:13

I'll admit, I love.... LOVE idol. It really is very addicting. I've been watching since season 2. As for this season....

David Cook is the man!

I'm glad carly went home last night, I really wasn't a big fan of her voice. I'm suprised she got as far as she did.

I like Jason, like Randy said (and I've been saying since week 2) he reminds me a ton of Jack Johnson.

David A. has a really good voice, but its the same thing every week. I wouldn't buy his CD.

Brooke 1. is gorgeous. 2. she's LDS. whats not to love? lol, I like her voice. and i'm sick of people giving her crap about starting over again 2 nights ago, really not that big of a deal.

Syesha, I think she has a really good voice, but I've never really been a fan until this week. Simon was right, that performance was sexy.

Re:How do you feel about Idols?

Posted by the_other_blackguy@byu - 2008/04/24 08:15

In my religion i'm taught not to worship idols.

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Re:How do you feel about Idols?

Posted by Hawkwing - 2008/04/24 08:19

My wife is also a huge fan, so I watch along with her. Let me say that there is some pretty good talent this year, but there were two real anomalies, Castro and Carly never should have made it through the first round, when Carly finally got booted last night I admit I gave the fist pump. Now there's only one bad woman left on the show, Jason Castro.

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Re:How do you feel about Idols?

Posted by WACoug - 2008/04/24 08:22

My wife and I have watched it off and on by season. This season we have watched it every week since auditions were over. I too am the biggest fan of David Cook. I think he is the most talented musician on the show right now. I like Brooke White but I also find her a little annoying. David Archuleta has an amazing voice. My prediction is that it will come down to the Davids for the final two. Although I think David Cook is more deserving, for the finale they have to sing the sappy, inspirational ballad written by a fan and that is right down David Archuleta's alley. Much like last year with how Blake Lewis (amazing beat boxer and mixer) lost to Jordin Sparks in the finale because his hands were tied and he couldn't do what he did best.

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I can't believe I'm still having this conversation, lol.

I guess I'm just a rock purist and I don't like American Idol infiltrating rock. I definitely think Cook's voice is better than daughtry (or whatever his name is), but there is a huge difference between Chris Cornell and David Cook.

One came out of the Seattle underground in the 90's and has a true music persona built on creativity and work, while the other guy is just a pretender (that's partially why I hate that show, they're basically all pretenders). American Idol just doesn't fit with the counter culture of rock, sorry, it just doesn't. Rock is about things being noisy and out of control. It's about believing in something and make a statement. It's about going against the grain. Do you think you'd ever see David Grohl, Trent Resnor, Kurt Cobain, Maynord James Keenen or johnny rotten on American Idol!?!

i think not!

and that had better be the last thing I say on this thread ;)

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Cook is very good, but I really think Archuleta captured the most support over the season. I actually thought Carly would be the stiffest competition, but felt her tatts would be her undoing in the end. Brooke is a strong woman, I agree and she'll find success some how.

I think writing will come. Writers are always around. Singing talent is important, then they can develop their own styles using their own compositions.

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I thought about that as I remember my uncle saying the same thing. However, that generation doesn't vote on American Idol so it's really a non-issue. I thought the same because of my uncle until I saw the movie and how it fit in a modern interpretation. She utterly nailed the song and the voting crowd could care less about the song's apparent rebellious side. They voted against her because they like the others better, even if she does have more talent than some of those that survived.

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The tats she has are excessive, even by this generations standards. Did you see her husband? He's the Illustrated Man from Bradbury's book.

Oh, and if the conservative Christians that voted for Bush really are voting in AI, they would have bounced the two Mormons out by now, like they did Romney in the primary.

Seriously, the Daves, Jason, and Brooke have their followings among the voters and have for some time. Jason deserved to be bounced after his horrible rendition of Memories. Carly's performance was so strong that the only reason she was bounced is because she isn't a favorite among the voters, not because of the song she sang.

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Re:How do you feel about Idols?

Posted by Cougfan84 - 2008/04/24 22:39

I am biased and think Archuleta should win...The kid is Mormon and from Utah and has a pretty incredible voice so I give him the nod. I think all of the remaining idols have talent and will get record deals i'm sure, but it all comes down to their followings now.

This is the what place they will take:

5th- Syesha
4th- Brooke
3rd- Castro
2nd- Cook
1st- Archuleta

This isn't the order I agree with, but i'm kinda following the trends... Syesha has been in the bottom 2 or 3 more than any of the remaining 5 so shes gone this week regardless. I hate Jason Castro's voice and style but it apparently appeals to many thats why hes a finalist on american idol and im not...and he has a following which I think will carry him past Brooke...But hes not good enough to beat cook and archuleta so I see them as the final two. With Archuleta emerging victorious even though hes only 17 (Last years winner Jordin Sparks was 17 or 18 i think, so hes not too young).

Another scenario is a repeat of Season 5. We could have the best idol, get sent home in 4th place and then 2nd and 3rd place are both good...and the winner sucks (see Taylor Hicks) Sorry Taylor Hicks fans...he didn't deserve it.. Hicks cd sold a few copies, Daughtry's cd sold millions...I think the proof is in the pudding on the real winner of that contest...

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This was weird to read because it was like reading my own thoughts.

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I completely agree with the annoying themes. (except I kinda like Neal Diamond.)

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Posted by ammoncougar1 - 2008/04/25 06:43

I have only watched since there were 10 players. I do not know the answer to this so help me out here: Do they do "themes" the rest of the way from here? How long have they done them? Wouldn't it be more fair to let the singers choose what fits them best?

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Posted by ammoncougar1 - 2008/04/30 12:47

Ladies & Gentlemen, Brothers & Sisters, Whatever....

We all know it's a slow time for BYU sports so I'm reviving the thread each week. What do those who care think will happen tonight? My prediction is that Jason, I look like a girl with my eyes and hair, Castro is GONE! That is if America gets it right. It is possible Syesha or Brooke could also take a hike but I don't think either merit that if you judge by last nights' performances.

BTW, was Paula on something last night?

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Posted by ABYUFAN - 2008/04/30 12:51

I predict that, much like the entire history of the show, I will not watch a single second of it.....;)

Re:How do you feel about Idols?

Posted by harlinestillopen - 2008/04/30 13:21

oh come on ABYUFAN, there are to many haters.

For anyone that does watch it alot, check out dialidol.com

<http://dialidol.com/asp/predictions/Predictions.asp>

They call in on everyone's lines, and based on how often its busy, they predict who is going home.

Here is the order they are predicting tonight. Now there is a margin of error, so its not full proof.

Sysha is SAFE. She could be has high as 1, or as low as 2.

David Cook is SAFE. Could be as high as 1, or as low as 2.

David Archuleta is in danger of being voted off. He could be as high as 3 or as low as 5

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Re:How do you feel about Idols?

Posted by Hawkwing - 2008/04/30 13:27

Dialldol is an interesting site, but don't place too much faith in it, for one thing it has no way to determine text messages, also, Idol claims they have some method to weed out auto-dialers from the tabulated votes, so a line could be busy quite often with auto-dialers that are weeded out.

I believe it will be two women in the bottom this time, with Sysha being safe, but Jason Castro ultimately going home.

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Re:Any predictions for tonights\ cut?

Posted by rackem - 2008/04/30 13:56

ABYUFAN wrote:

I predict that, much like the entire history of the show, I will not watch a single second of it.....;)

I'll second that.

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Re:Any predictions for tonights\ cut?

Posted by j2b03 - 2008/04/30 15:00

Here Here! I would probably be interested if I was 12 years old or maybe 13 at best.;)

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Re:How do you feel about Idols?

Posted by Conosticator - 2008/04/30 15:19

Do you think you'd ever see David Grohl, Trent Resnor, Kurt Cobain, Maynard James Keenen or Johnny Rotten on American Idol!?!

Doubt if I'll ever run into any of them at Church either... ;)

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Re:How do you feel about Idols?

Posted by Conosticator - 2008/04/30 15:26

CougarPeasant wrote:

I don't suppose you know when Jesus Christ Superstar was written do you? It was written in the late '60s. That is nearly 40 years ago. That means those that are 60 now would have been 20 then and were the ones that embraced the play and caused it to be made into a movie. There are a couple of other songs that were done by some of the biggest bands at the time, the play was so popular. I wasn't even a teenager when the play came out and when my uncle, a WWII vet, was offended. That generation is not watching American Idol.

Most of us that were 20 then couldn't afford the ticket price to go to the play. :S

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