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Press Release: Homestead Youth Talent Expo 2011

Some of Gympie's best young singers and musicians tested themselves out against some of South-East Queensland's best when they competed at the Homestead Youth Talent Expo on the weekend. And the good news is that they were more than up to the task.

Talented teenage vocalists, Alison Jensen, Grace Sleeman, Caitlyn Shadbolt, Talisha Young and Jennifer Cole took out places in a number of sections with Aidan Patrick putting in a mighty performance to take out the Instrumental competition. Perhaps the highlight of the day for the Gympie contingent was the 1st and 2nd places achieved in the group section with 'Disbanded' narrowly edging out the Caitlyn Grace Band for the top spot. The competitive part of the day ended with the highly popular 'Anything Goes' section where Gympie youngsters Jennifer Cole & Angus Hiern did themselves proud with a 3rd place for their rendition of Justin Bieber's, 'Baby'.

2010 Champion, Gympie's own Brodie Holmes, with his band, The Conundrums, then really rocked the joint with a half hour of high quality country rock that had the audience yelling for more. The Juvenile Winner of the festival was Kelsie Sweetman from the Redlands Modern Country Music Club and the Overall Champion for 2011 was Becc Holdorf from Boonah.

The Homestead Youth Talent Expo is held at the Caboolture Historical Village in August each year and has rapidly become one of the most popular junior country music events in Queensland. Information about the festival can be found on the Homestead website www.homesteadmusic.org.

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