

The AZ Insider: Jordin Sparks a Flip Flopper?

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Kathy Shayna Shocket has the inside scoop on the people who make a difference.



Kathy's exclusive on Jordin Sparks in Phoenix and which Phoenix exec was on Celebrity Apprentice.

A description typically used in reference to politicians? Well, **Jordin Sparks** might redefine that term and perhaps give its new meaning plenty of soul!

You see, the American Idol winner was in Phoenix for a Valley Youth Theatre alumni concert, at Symphony Hall. Just prior to the show, she joined a group of VYT supporters for a VIP meet and greet. Rather than a pair of stylish high heels to adorn her lovely evening dress, Jordin was donning flip flops.

While she might start a new fashion statement, it wasn't her intention. In the midst of her busy schedule of flying from Los Angeles, to London, to Washington D.C. and back to Phoenix in one week, she had simply forgotten her shoes. And when she took to the stage - she performed barefoot.



Jordin, pictured above in her flip flops with VYT's Producing Artistic Director **Bobb Cooper** and wife **Karol**, was one of the stars who turned out for VYT's amazing fundraiser.

The event "If you believe in yourself .. your dreams can come true " celebrated VYT's 20th anniversary and its place on the show biz map. The celebration brought together Jordin Sparks and three other actors who, in 2003, with big dreams of becoming stars, shared the stage in VYT's production of The Wiz. Those three were **Emma Stone**, **Max Crumm** and **Chelsea Staub**.

Today, **Emma Stone**'s credits include the movies, Ghosts of Girlfriends Past, and Superbad, to name a few. **Max Crumm**, is hailed for role of Danny in the 2007 Broadway run of Grease. And **Chelsea Staub**, a star on the Jonas Brothers' series on the Disney Channel.



Pictured above from left to right are actress Emma Stone, actor **Max Crumm**, actor **Brennan Hillard** (starred in the Wayans brothers' movie "Dance Flick"), VYT founding member **Hope Ozer**, actress **Chelsea Staub**, actor **Nick Cartell** and VYT Producing Artistic Director **Bobb Cooper**.

Will Donald Trump come through for Father's Day Council in Phoenix?

By the way.. When the Donald and the Celebrity Apprentice Show flew **Brad Casper**, the head of the Dial Corporation from Phoenix to New York to appear on the hit show, Casper mentioned the Father of the Year Awards dinner. (It was the past episode in which the celebrity contestants were challenged to create a photo spread for Dial's Yogurt Body Wash in Redbook).

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In between filming, the Dial exec, pictured above with wife Kay, brought up the Father of the Year Awards dinner to Trump and asked if the Trump organization would make a donation. Casper is hoping to hear from them. Stay tuned...



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