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## FACT SHEET

**David Foster Star Search**

**[www.DavidFosterStarSearch.com](http://www.DavidFosterStarSearch.com)**

- David Foster Star Search is a component of the David Foster and Friends Charity Gala, an event which raises money for the David Foster Foundation.
- David Foster Star Search is a Province wide search for an undiscovered vocal talent
- Open to residents of BC between the ages of 14 - 28 (as of Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2006)
- Winner will perform at the David Foster and Friends Charity Gala on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at the River Rock Show Theatre in Richmond BC
- All information about how to apply for the contest is on the website
- Initial screening process will select 15 semi-finalists for each of 6 Regional areas
- Regional semi-finalists will be invited to perform at their respective Regional Final
- Regional Finals will be held in 6 BC cities:
  - Langley                      Friday July 14                      Coast Hotel in association with Cascades Casino.
  - Victoria                      Sunday July 16                      Victoria Conservatory of Music
  - Kelowna                      Friday July 21                      Lake City Casino & Grand Hotel.
  - Prince George              Sunday July 23                      Treasure Cove Casino.
  - Cranbrook                  Friday July 28                      Casino of the Rockies
  - Vancouver                  Saturday July 29                      HMV, Robson Street
- Winners of Regional finals go on to Final Gala Audition in front of David Foster and a Selection Panel of music industry experts on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at the River Rock Show Theatre in Richmond BC
- Last year's winner was 15 year old Alisha Pillay from Surrey, BC ([www.AlishaPillay.com](http://www.AlishaPillay.com))
- Presenting Sponsor; British Columbia Lotteries Corporation
- Media sponsors: Global BC and Vancouver Province
- Radio supporters: Standard, Pattison, Chum.

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### David Foster and Friends Charity Gala

[www.DavidFosterandFriends.com](http://www.DavidFosterandFriends.com)

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- An exclusive fund raising gala event supporting the David Foster Foundation held on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at the River Rock Show Theatre in Richmond BC
- A private function limited to a 1000 benefactors, with all the proceeds going directly to the Foundation.
- 2006 headlining performer: singing sensation Michael Bublé, more celebrity guests to be announced
- Event highlighted by Live Auction, Dinner, and Gala Concert
- Principle Sponsors: Great Canadian Gaming Corporation, British Columbia Lotteries Corporation.
- Sponsorship opportunities still available (please visit website for details)
- 2005 Event performers included: Josh Groban, Sarah McLachlan, Renee Olstead and more
- 2005 Event raised \$2.88 million for the David Foster Foundation

### David Foster Foundation

[www.DavidFosterFoundation.org](http://www.DavidFosterFoundation.org)

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- Established in 1986 and this year celebrating its 20th Anniversary
- Provides financial and emotional support to families of children across Canada who are in need of life saving organ transplants.
  - Assisting with non-medical expenses from a child's initial assessment, through surgery and postoperative check-ups.
  - Providing transportation to hospitals outside of family's home area.
  - Providing accommodation for parents, enabling them to remain close to their children
  - Assisting with meals, long distance calls and other expenses which may include mortgage or rent payments
  - Liaising with agencies that provide counseling, childcare and other support services for the families during this extremely stressful time
- 267 families have been registered since 1986.
- The success of our fundraising efforts ensures that the work of the Foundation will continue for many years to come.

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- A visionary producer, gifted arranger & prolific composer from Victoria, BC
- Produced a phenomenal string of #1 hits with multi-platinum artists such as Celine Dion, Josh Groban, Michael Bublé, Madonna, Whitney Houston, and Destiny's Child among many others.
- Written 3 Olympic theme songs including 'Because we Believe' for Andrea Bocelli, which they performed at the closing ceremonies at the Winter Olympics in Torino, Italy
- Nominated for a staggering 44 Grammys, winning 14.
- Founder of his own label, 143 Records (distributed through Warner Brothers)
- Honoured as an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2006

- Extraordinary vocal talent; Vancouver, BC native
- His 3 albums have cumulatively sold over 10 million records worldwide
  - *Michael Bublé* (self titled; released in 2003)
  - *It's Time* (released in 2005)
  - *Caught in the Act* (released in 2006)
- Has hit #1 on music charts in over 10 countries including Canada, Italy, Japan, and Australia.
- Sold out Sydney Opera House 5 nights in a row
- Performed for Prince Charles