

# THE FRIDAY WRAP UP – JONAH HILL APOLOGIZES, SYTYCD BRINGS THE ODD

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We wrap up the week with some of TV's happenings (Wednesday and Thursday). Let's go:

## Wednesday

### So you Think You Can Dance (FOX)

#### Day 2 Audition: Chicago

#### New Faces

The Puppet, Paul Brushaber, 18, starts things off and honestly he didn't look promising. With glasses and a striped hoodie, why would he? But he quickly showed us to not judge a book by its cover, surprised everyone by giving a unique performance that had him looking like, well, a puppet. So interesting. Both Mary and guest Fabrice Calmels wanted to give him a ticket right away, but Nigel wanted to send him to choreography, especially since he's never danced with a partner before. However, he got a ticket to Cali.

I couldn't type while watching Franchesca Bass. The 18 year old captivated me and everyone else with her **alien-like quality**. So graceful and different. She suffers from Alopecia (a condition that causes you to lose hair from some or all parts of your body) and had been suffering since she was a child. But it doesn't hinder her. In fact, it adds to her mystique. California.



*Franchesca Bass brought something different to the auditions. (ricky.org)*

James Thomas came with a new dance called Bopping, but it's his bone breaking (contortionist Hip-Hop) technique that had everybody squirming and hiding faces. Ultra, really flexible. Kind of grotesque even. While the dance was interesting, he was sent to choreography. He couldn't pick up the moves and dropped out.

Jenna Scaccia also gets a ticket to Cali.

## **Los Angeles**

Jessica Richens, 18, started off the auditions with an explosive jazz performance which made the judges a bit speechless. So speechless that they didn't even have to critique it. Straight to California.

Tap dancer Valerie Rocky is the first tap dancer to hit the audition stage. Such a light, airy and happy routine. She's sent to choreography. She went through.

Animation/Krump dancer from the Czech Republic Jana "Jaja" Vankova brought the house down with her **raw and powerful routine** that could rival any professional Krumper. Her isolations and animations were on point. She was so good that the judges didn't even have to say a word. Ticket.



*Czech dancer Jana “Jaja” Vankova surprised everyone with her hip-hop routine. (thewire.com)*

Kyle Taylor, 28, proved himself a dancer during an epic hip hop battle with SYTYCD Hip Hop royalties Fik-Shun, Cyrus and Legacy. Pretty good for someone who just dances in his living room. He was sent to choreography. He bows out.

Guest judge Christina Applegate cried during and after Justine Lutz’s audition piece. It was indeed moving, but in a very quirky way with all her unusual and sometimes odd movements. No critique necessary. Cali.

French born pop and locker Marie “Poppins” Bonnevey who performs on the Vegas strip made a big impression on the judges. The second unlikely person with Hip-Hop credentials, she captivated the judges and audience with a popping and locking performance to oddly fitting “Smooth Operator” by Sade. She was doing fine on stage, but it’s when she left the stage and danced next to the judges that she starts to shine. Not only that, she managed to lure last season’s winner, **Hip-Hop dancer Fik-Shun** into a kind of pairing and the two ended up onstage, improvising the whole time. Pure entertainment. I don’t know what’s in store for her, but in the audition, on stage with Fik-Shun, she showed she could dance with a partner.

“It doesn’t matter the style. Just Feel it. No tricks, no fake things. Just feel it.”

Of course, she moved on to the next round.



*French born Marie "Poppins" Bonnevay entertained with her pop and lock techniques. (thewire.com)*

Other dancers California bound included: Dani Platz, Hailee Payne, and ballet couple, Deise Mendona, and Mauricio Vera.

### **The Returns**

Emily James, 21, returned to dance again. I thought she was too technical and thinking too much, but the judges loved her and gave her a ticket.

Sebastian Serra, 24, returns (he was in season 10) and impressed the judges once more. Ticket.

### **The Tonight Show starring Jimmy Fallon (NBC)**

Guests: Jonah Hill, Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Soundgarden

Jonah Hill dropped in to talk about his upcoming film, 22 Jump Street, but the topic that weighed heavily on The Tonight Show was the incident that happened over the weekend. Apparently, Hill used a homophobic slur towards a paparazzo who was calling him names. He gave a heartfelt apology and urged his fans and others to think before speaking out in anger.

“My heart is broken, and I genuinely am deeply sorry to anyone who’s ever been affected by that term in their life.”



*Jonah Hill gave an emotional apology for using the slur. (newyorkdailynews.com)*

Mayor of Chicago, Rahm Emanuel talks about the Polar Plunge he challenged Fallon to. He also made a bet with Fallon.

“Here’s our challenge: This year the kids of the city of Chicago, I challenged them to 2.4 million books to be read, and if they do it this summer we want you to bring the Tonight Show back to Chicago. It hasn’t been since 1998.”

Soundgarden performs their classic single, “Spoonman”

**Thursday**



## Hell's Kitchen

"9 Chefs Compete"

Members of the Red Team hashed out their differences from **last week's debacle**, which is good, because tonight was the annual battle of the menus. A singing telegram tells the chefs that they need to show their creativity and ability to work together. Each Team had to come up with an original menu before dinner service. The Red Team was not really coming together too well, with Melanie and Anton not agreeing on anything. Not a team menu. The Blue Team was in harmony, but Rachel was having a problem giving ideas. The Red Team however turns things around and everybody gets to put something on the menu. But they panic when Joy suggests fried chicken – it tanked the last time they cooked it. But she's adamant about it, so they agree to put it on the menu.

The usually composed Rachel was feeling a bit stressed. She burnt her food for Ramsay's evaluation and stormed out of the kitchen crying during prep time. But she comes back strong during service, doing well on risotto. The Red Team ran out of scallops during service. Could it be because Melanie has been throwing away scallops like they grow on trees? I'll take a stab in the dark and say, "Yes".



*Ramsay sent Richard home. (zap2it.com)*

In spite of a slow start, the Red Team wins. However, since one person will have to leave from the Blue Team, Melanie, Kasia and Joy from the Red Team have to figure out which one of them will be joining the other side.

Up for Elimination: Gabriel and Richard

Eliminated: Richard

Melanie decides to join the Blue Team.



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