

THE FRIDAY WRAP UP – SYTYCD AUDITIONS CONTINUE, BEN STILLER IS HASHTAG

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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)

Los Angeles

Timothy Joseph was a non-stop cannonball in his audition, **tumbling and crashing** all over on the stage in his old fashioned b-boy style of hip-hop. Although it was entertaining, the judges wondered if his acrobatics would translate well on the show. They sent him to choreography. But, he picked up an injury during the routine, so he had to decide whether or not he would continue. He decided not to continue. Next year.

Contemporary dancer Casey Askew gave a **beautiful performance** and the judges didn't even have to say a word. Ticket.

Everyone took a little break to watch nine year old hip hop dancer J-4 take the stage with Fik-Shun and Cyrus. I must say he was very good...really good. And the improvised performance was fully entertaining (or was it improvised? It looked TOO good). I found myself tearing up when he met SYTYCD legend Twitch, and he was so excited. "This is the best day of my life." Darn these onion ninjas!



Little J-4 lived his dream dancing on the SYTYCD stage with Cyrus and Fik-Shun. (FOX)

Ballet dancer Jourdan Epstein used her feelings of her brother's struggle with addiction to fuel her dance. It was a beautiful and powerful piece. Cali!

Philadelphia

Bridget Whitman channeled the pain of losing her father into her dance routine and it paid off. She made it to California.

Funky Ballerina, Amir Sanders who tried to do away with the ballerina stereotype with her afro and nose piercing, did a **unique ballet routine** to Beyonce's "Flawless", and was phenomenal. I was surprised when they sent her to choreography, but of course, she got her ticket in the end and her own hashtag (**#funkyballerina**).

Stanley Glover had a hard life growing up. Losing his mother at the age of four to a heart attack (he was sleeping beside her and woke up to find her dead), he was fortunate to have someone who was willing to take care of him. On the stage though, he was strong and animalistic, giving the judges something they've never seen before. Ticket.

A gunshot survivor (got shot twice in his knee and almost got his leg amputated), James "Banks" David was able to deliver a slow and steady Krump, something never done before on the SYTYCD stage. Even though the

judges liked his performance, they weren't sure if it was enough, so he was sent to choreography. He got his ticket.



Serge Onik and Alla Kocherga heat up the stage. (FOX)

Returns

Serge Onik came back from Season 10 with a partner, Alla Kocherga who was unclear about their dating status. What was clear though was their ballroom routine though was their very confident performance. Very sexy. California.

Shafeek Westbrook came back after an angry Season nine audition exit. He's since matured and came back with a different attitude, but maybe a little bit too restrained. They knew he had more in him and they sent him to choreography. He got a ticket to California.

"Johnny Waacks" Gibson came back with his dance technique, "**Waacking**" (the name had the judges laughing their heads off). Yes to choreography. He got his ticket

Armen Way returned from season 10 (trying to live down dropping his partner last year). He came this time with his partner, Malene Ostergaard who was so evenly matched. They supported each other very well in a **steamy ballroom number**. Ticket.

Not technically a return, Landon Anderson came back with a last season's top 10 contestant, Jenna Johnson. He was her partner when she auditioned for Season 10's show, but was too young to audition himself. Strong performance. He got a ticket. The cherry on top? Jenna got an invitation to be an All Star for this season's show.



Landon Anderson returns this time as a contestant, and Jenna Johnson is here to return the favor. (whowasvotedoff.com)

Thursday

Hell's Kitchen (FOX)

"8 Chefs Compete"

So going over to the Blue Team, Melanie thinks she's going to lay down the law. She wasn't even doing that on the Red Team, so I don't expect that to happen now.

But now, we get the famous blind taste test. It's always a great indicator of the chef with the most refined palette. The Blue Team takes an early lead, but after many misses, the Red Team takes over. They eventually win. Their

prize? Ice skating. In L.A. OK then. As punishment, the Blue Team has to deal with the ice shipment. Close to dinner service, Gabriel seems to be unusually depressed and quiet. Ramsay gives him a little pep talk that gives him a little pep in his step.

Kasia, on the other hand must have lost a few screws during service, because she thought it wise to mouth off to Ramsey when he was just being his usual self. Fortunately Ramsay doesn't blow it out of proportion and tells her to wake up and bounce back. Over on the Blue Team though, Gabriel surprisingly steps up and leads his team to serve some delicious dishes.



Melanie looks to rule the roost, but she actually doesn't. (zap2it.com)

Anton, however, found a way to get on the bad side of one of Ramsay's Sous Chefs, **Andi Willigan**, who by the way has had YEARS of experience by Ramsay's side. Anton had no problem talking back and mouthing off to her, seeing her as a nuisance as a "woman in the kitchen". His repeatedly overcooked Wellingtons don't make matters better. Ramsay gives him a stern talking to. "Get it together!!!" Ramsay gives the blue kitchen major props for a wonderful service and they go on to win the challenge.

It's deliberation time for the Red Team and there is the usual pointing of the fingers, passing of the buck, and laying down of responsibility. But of course two people were chosen to be in the bottom.

Up for Elimination: Anton and Scott

Eliminated: Anton

The Tonight Show starring Jimmy Fallon (NBC)

"Chris Rock, Chris Christie, Kacey Musgraves"

If you've been watching The Tonight show recently, you'd know about the show's mascot, Hashtag, the dancing Panda who's always dog tired at the end of just a few seconds of its dancing bit on the show. I don't think anybody really wondered who was in the costume, but when Jimmy prompted the "panda" to take the head off after **his dance**, it turned out to be Ben Stiller. Now, I'm very certain that it hadn't been Stiller all this time (now that I think about it, knowing Stiller, it actually could've been) but it was a pleasant surprise to everyone. According to him, he had been doing the bit all these weeks to promote an online show, Next Time on Lonny. *Chuckling*

Sometimes being a guest on the Tonight Show (with Fallon) means that you get to show how much a good sport you are and what your humor is like. New Jersey Governor Chris Christie did just that. He joined Fallon to bust a few moves in the funny skit, "**Evolution of Dad Dancing**". You'd think Christie would be funny looking while dancing (don't get me wrong, he kinda does), but it wasn't "embarrassing" funny. Those dad moves though...I know they brought back rough memories for many.



Chris Christie shows his sense of humor. (huffingtonpost.com)

Chris Rock came on being funny as usual (he has an e-crack pipe...I can't!). After five years he'll be going on tour (The Black Plague Tour) and talks about hosting the BET Awards this year.

Country singer Kacey Musgraves performs her latest single, "The Trailer Song".



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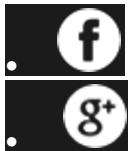
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