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Arts Foundation shows its love for Siobhan Magnus

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ANTICIPATION – Maggie Van Sciver, president of the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod Board of Directors, and Alan Magnus, father of *American Idol* finalist Siobhan Magnus, watch her performance April 20 with close friends and family at a special celebration party at emBargo hosted by the Arts Foundation.

The Patriot goes to a party

It was a scene ripped straight from the pages of a Hollywood script: A sign on the club door read, "Private Party Tonight." Only those on the guest list or those knowing the night's password could gain entry. Attendance was by invitation only, to celebrate a favorite celebrity.

This party, however, wasn't anywhere near Hollywood. It was in Hyannis at emBargo, but it was about a favorite celebrity. On April 20, family members, close friends, and fans of Siobhan Magnus gathered at the Main Street hotspot to watch as the Marstons Mills songstress took the stage as one of the final seven on *American Idol*.

The celebration was organized and thrown by the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod in honor of Magnus's accomplishments on the Cape and beyond.

"The Arts Foundation of Cape Cod is thrilled to be hosting this event," said Maggie Van Sciver, president of the AFCC Board of Directors. "Siobhan is just the most visible example of an aspiring artist from Cape Cod."

Indeed, Magnus is well-known on the Cape, having performed in countless Barnstable High School Drama Club productions, as well as with the Cape Cod Symphony Orchestra. She was also the front woman for the local band Lunar Valve.

For her April 20 performance, Magnus chose "When You Believe," a song originally recorded by Whitney Houston and Mariah Carey.

When Magnus sang, the emBargo crowd applauded wildly. When the judges were mixed in their criticism of her performance, the room filled with boos.

Barnstable High School astronomy teacher Mike Gyra thought the judges were off-base.

"I thought she was wonderful," he said.

Although Magnus's father, Alan, cheered loudly for his daughter, his favorite performance of hers remains "House of the Rising Sun."

"My brother Dave taught me that when I was 7," he said.

The emotions attached to seeing his daughter on national television are difficult for Magnus to put into words, but he hopes his daughter will find success.

"I'll sell t-shirts for her," he said with a smile.

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