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Local Young Artist to Attend Interlochen Arts Academy

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Amrita Newton with her guitar Photo Neris Newton

At the end of this month, former Miramonte High School student Amrita Newton, 17, of Orinda will head to Michigan's Interlochen Arts Academy, the world's premier fine arts boarding high school, to study theater. Newton, the daughter of Petra Michel, is a three-time winner of Lamorinda Idol (formerly Orinda Idol), was a 2013 Young Arts Winner, and has performed on stage in leading roles during her school years in the Orinda public school system. An academically accomplished student, Newton decided to apply to the prestigious academy to immerse herself in drama during her senior year. Interlochen Arts Academy attracts more than 500 young artists from 40 states and 15 countries. Together, students study music, theater, dance, visual arts, creative writing and motion picture arts in a college-like setting. While producing more than 250 artistic presentations in the school year, academy students also master rigorous college-preparatory academics that prepare them to take prominent roles in any professional endeavor.

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