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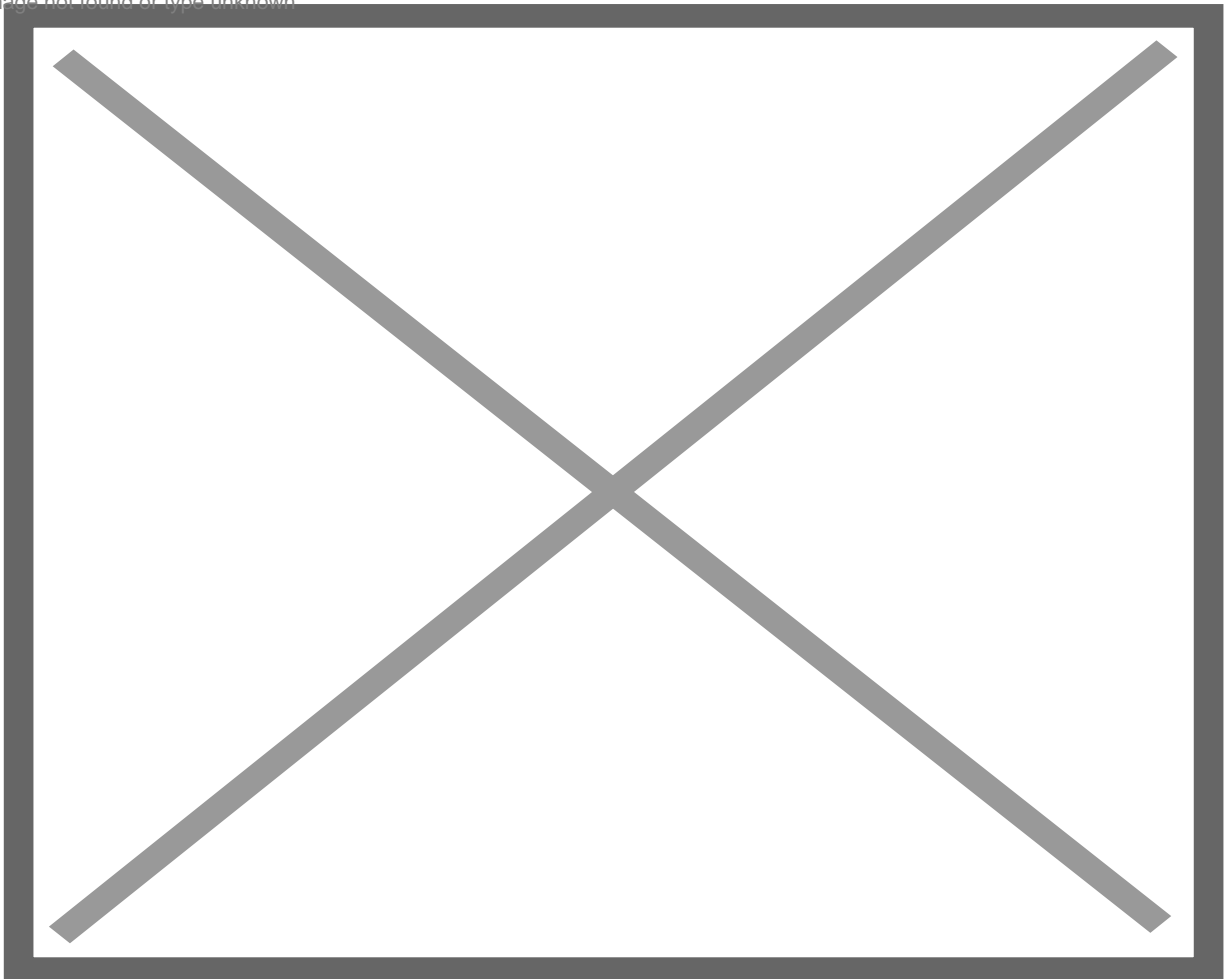
Virgin Islands' Qian Harrigan-Thomas Takes Center Stage at New York's Carnegie Hall

Young musician's stellar performance highlights global talent showcase

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Qian Harrigan-Thomas, a senior tenor vocalist from Charlotte Amalie High School, has set the bar high with his recent performance at the iconic Carnegie Hall in New York City, part of his participation in the Honors Performance Series.

The series, a prestigious gathering of young musicians from around the world, offers an unparalleled platform for showcasing emerging talents. This year's participants, hailing from all 50 states as well as the Virgin Islands, underwent a rigorous selection process to perform in venues of global renown including Carnegie Hall.

Qian's journey to this momentous occasion began with his remarkable win of the Maestro Award at the WorldStrides Heritage Festival in Atlanta, a testament to his exceptional skill and dedication while performing with the Charlotte Amalie High School Band. His subsequent audition for the Honors Performance Series Selection Board was met with enthusiastic praise, highlighting his "warm, rich sound and commendable Italian diction," qualities that undoubtedly contributed to his successful selection for the performance.

The experience as part of the Honors Concert Choir at Carnegie Hall was not just a performance but a comprehensive learning opportunity, featuring days filled with rehearsals, cultural exchanges, and sightseeing, culminating in a performance that Qian describes as "life-changing," according to a recently issued release.

As he looks to the future, Qian has already secured acceptance to one university and is in the process of auditioning for several others.

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