

'American Idol' Winner Crowned



After a night of performances, the winner was announced.

American Idol came to a close on Sunday night with a performance-filled, three-hour finale. It was down to Alejandro Aranda, Laine Hardy and Madison VanDenberg as the final three contestants. After each contestant sang twice, the bottom vote getter was eliminated. The final two then had to duke it out over the course of the three-hour episode. Judges Lionel Richie, Katy Perry and Luke Bryan were on hand for feedback.

Richie got things started with a performance of "Dancing On The Ceiling." Then Hardy got things started with a performance of "home" by Marc Broussard. The song choice leaned into his gritty sound, and he delivered a solid performance. Richie called it "nasty."