

February, 2011

Dear Contestant(s):

Preliminary competition for the "Spotlight On Talent" contest will be held on Saturday, February 19, 2011, at the Center for the Arts at Wesley Chapel. The theater address is 30651 Wells Road. For directions, see [www.cfawesleychapel.com/directions.asp](http://www.cfawesleychapel.com/directions.asp).

- Your performance time will be \_\_\_\_\_. To view the full schedule, go to [www.heritagearts.org](http://www.heritagearts.org).
- Your act, including dress, is expected to appear just as it would in the final competition, which will be in front of an audience of hundreds.
- If you have any props with your act, please take them directly back stage as you arrive. That door will be around to the left as you face the building from the parking lot. Then return to the entrance door and lobby to sign in.
- Please arrive AT LEAST 30 minutes before your tryout time, early enough to warm-up, tune up, and set up. YOU MAY BE PENALIZED if you are not ready to perform at your assigned time!
- There will be a taped line near the front of the stage. Please stay behind it as you perform.
- If you are performing to a tape/CD, please bring a backup copy with you to the prelims (and finals), just as a precaution!
- Reminder- limit solos to 3 minutes, and limit groups to 5 minutes to avoid deductions.
- You will be judged on talent, stage presence, and appropriate appearance. Out of 30 possible points, 25 will be for talent, 3 for stage presence, and 2 for appropriate appearance.
- To know if you made the finals, go to our web site at [www.heritagearts.org](http://www.heritagearts.org). The finalists in age/grade categories will be posted there at or before 8 am Sunday morning. You can also call 352-567-0737 for a recording of the finalists in categories from Sunday 8:00 am until midnight.
- Shortly after the tryouts, you will receive a letter from us with a copy of the judges' comments and suggestions and further details about the final competition.
- There are some important rules about the use of the beautiful theater facility. The theater does not allow any food, drinks or gum inside the building. Refreshments will be offered but will need to remain outside on the covered entranceway.
- Personal videotaping will be fine for the preliminaries because no audience will be present.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please email [spotlight@heritagearts.org](mailto:spotlight@heritagearts.org), or call (352) 567-1720, mornings or evenings only. If no answer, leave a message.

Thanks for your participation and BREAK A LEG!

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