

February 14, 2015

Dear Contestant(s):

Preliminary competition for the "Spotlight On Talent" contest will be held on Saturday, February 28, at the Center for the Arts at Wesley Chapel – 30651 Wells Road, Wesley Chapel, FL 33545. For directions, see [cfawesleychapel.com/directions.asp](http://cfawesleychapel.com/directions.asp) .

- Your performance time will be \_\_\_\_\_. To view the full schedule, go to [heritagearts.org](http://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.
- NOTE – there will be NO special lighting/backdrop colors for the preliminaries. All requests will be submitted to the theater manager after the finalist list is announced, and they will be used IF POSSIBLE at the finals.
- If you have any **props** with your act, go to the theater entrance and lobby **to sign in first**. Then take them back stage – **outside auditorium around the left of building**.
- Please arrive **AT LEAST 45 minutes** before your tryout time – early enough to check in, TURN IN Back-up Music CDs, warm-up, tune up, dress and set up. **YOU MAY BE PENALIZED** if you are not ready to perform at your assigned time! We have run ahead of schedule in past years, so please be prepared if at all possible.
- **Using a mp3 – look for email instructions to submit mp3 BEFORE PRELIMS, and bring in a back-up copy on CD & turn in at check-in.**
- Using a CD – bring a backup copy & **turn it in with your main CD at check in.**
- Reminder- limit solos to **3 minutes** and groups to **5 minutes** to avoid deductions.
- Note about the theater stage– there will be a **taped line** on the floor, near the center front of the stage (downstage center). Keep your performance behind that line, away from the front stairs - the judges prefer that.
- 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 pictures and videotaping will be fine for the preliminaries.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please email [spotlight@heritagearts.org](mailto:spotlight@heritagearts.org), or call (352) 567-1720.

Thanks for your participation & BREAK A LEG!

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