

Spotlight on Talent



33rd Annual Youth Talent Competition
presented by
Heritage Arts Center Association
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ATTENTION, SCHOOL PERSONNEL !!

It's time to let your talented students know about the biggest, most exciting performance competition available in this area! This is an opportunity for them to compete in front of a panel of paid professional judges, to win big cash prizes and trophies, and perform in front of an audience of hundreds !

This is the 33rd year that our non-profit arts group has produced the "***Spotlight on Talent***" competition, and it gets bigger and better each year. It is VERY popular with the students, and every year hundreds of talented children up through 12th grade audition. We award over \$4,000 in cash prizes, trophies and ribbons! We will also present our 4th annual **scholarship award of \$1,000** that will be given to a Pasco county senior at the finals competition.

***** TEACHER ALERT *****

Application process has evolved to an electronic form! Soloists and groups can submit their info at heritagearts.org now. Alternatively, paper application forms are also available for download at the website, and we have included samples of these forms in your packet, which you may duplicate.

You can help promote this event in several ways. First, encourage your students to be a part of the contest. Also, display the enclosed posters and have the following announcement made to all students in your school on two different days during the week of January 11-15:

"Do you dream of being on 'The Voice', 'So You Think You Can Dance', or have plans to earn a performing arts college scholarship? Prepare first in a local competition, "**Spotlight on Talent**", that is for talented performers up through grade 12. Vocalists, dancers, instrumental musicians, bands, baton twirlers, piano players, gymnasts and any form of entertainment are welcome to participate. There are solo and group categories. You may enter both as a soloist and with one group. Entry deadline is February 11. The preliminary competition is Saturday, February 27, and the final contest is Saturday, March 19. All events take place at the Center for the Arts at Wesley Chapel High. **Over \$4,000** total in cash prizes and trophies will be awarded to winners in several age categories and groups. An exciting addition to the prizes is a **\$1,000 scholarship** awarded to our highest scoring Pasco county senior student. Solo and Group acts, submit your application electronically through the website – heritagearts.org, or paper applications can be downloaded at the website. We hope that many of you will enter this exciting competition. Check out heritagearts.org for all the important details."

Also please announce the following reminder twice during the week of January 25-29:

"This reminder is for all students who are planning to participate in the "**Spotlight on Talent**" contest on Saturday, March 19. The deadline for applications is coming up soon approaching on Thursday, February 11. Submit your application online at heritagearts.org, or mail in your paper form today."

If you have a talented student who would like to participate but would have trouble affording the entry fee, please contact us. Our board can provide assistance with the help of some local organizations that have offered to help sponsor a student. Our web site, heritagearts.org, will have additional information, application forms, competition schedules, rules and informational letters, photos, etc. Check it out!

Thank you for your cooperation concerning this very exciting opportunity. We know you wouldn't want any of your students to be crushed if they found out about this too late. If you have questions, email spotlight@heritagearts.org, or call me at (352) 567-1720. Thanks!

Barbara Friedman, executive producer