

January 31, 2013

Dear Contestant(s):

Preliminary competition for the "Spotlight On Talent" contest will be held on Saturday, February 16, at the Center for the Arts at Wesley Chapel - 30651 Wells Road, Wesley Chapel. For directions, see www.cfawesleychapel.com/directions.asp

- Your performance time will be _____. To view the full schedule, go to 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.
- **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 Accompaniment CD, 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.
- If you are performing to a tape/CD, please bring a backup copy to keep with you at the prelims (and finals), just as a precaution!
- 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.
- 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.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please email spotlight@heritagearts.org, or call (352) 567-1720.

Thanks for your participation and BREAK A LEG!

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