**Press Release – 37th Annual “Spotlight on Talent” Will Shine on These Finalists**

 **Contact Person:**

**Barbara Friedman 352-567-1720**

**spotlight@heritagearts.org**

We are contacting you with information about this upcoming event in several forms – a long, detailed press release, the following shorter, bulleted one with vital facts that should not be omitted in case of shortening the copy for space reasons, the complete list of finalists names (which are the most important thing to the families of these 120 students), and a link to our web site where you can download your choice of labeled photographs in JPEG form – [www.heritagearts.org](http://www.heritagearts.org) . Please use as much as you can – this is a HUGE popular event in its 37th year. Please use at a minimum this information:

* 37th year of regional performing arts competition “Spotlight on Talent” for young people through high school seniors.
* Final two shows on Sat. March 7 at the Center for the Arts at Wesley Chapel, (30651 Wells Rd, 33544). Matinee for younger solos and all groups at 12 noon; Evening for older solos at 7 pm.
* $1,000 “Pasco Heritage Scholarship” again to be awarded to a Pasco County graduating senior at the evening show.
* Tickets available online at heritagearts.org or at the door: $12 for adults or both shows for $20; students through high school are $6 or both shows for $10 (under 5 is free).
* Over 130 students auditioned on Feb. 8 to be named finalists.
* 120 contestants performing to win over $4,000 in trophies, ribbons and cash prizes.
* Public invited – performances of all styles of piano, vocal, violin and guitar music, all types of dance and acrobatics.
* Panels of paid, professional judges will select winners of cash prizes.
* Contact Barbara Friedman, executive producer, with any questions at spotlight@heritagearts.org , or 352-567-1720, and more information at [www.heritagearts.org](http://www.heritagearts.org) .