**Press Release - “Spotlight on Talent” Competition – application deadline approaches!**

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We are contacting you with information about this upcoming event in two forms – a long, detailed press release and the following shorter, bulleted one with vital facts that should not be omitted in case of shortening the copy for space reasons. At our web site you can find additional information and download your choice of labeled photographs in .jpg form – go to heritagearts.org, then News/Press Room/Spotlight on Talent. Please use as much as you can – this is a HUGE popular event involving hundreds of area students. We need your help to see that the word gets out soon! Please use at a minimum this information:

* 41st year of regional performing arts competition “Spotlight on Talent” for young people through high school seniors.
* Deadline for entering is Thurs., Jan. 25, 2024. Applications available online at heritagearts.org.
* Auditions will be on Feb. 10, 2024, and 2 final shows on March 16, 2024. Both held at the Center for the Arts at Wesley Chapel High.
* $1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior who is a Pasco County resident with highest scores from the judges.
* Participants vie for over $4,000 in trophies, ribbons and cash prizes.
* All types & styles of performing talents are accepted, both as solos & in groups.
* Panels of paid, professional judges will select finalists/winners in several age categories and the Pasco senior scholarship.
* Contact exec. producer with any questions at spotlight@heritagearts.org, or 352-424-0135, and more information at [heritagearts.org](http://www.heritagearts.org) .
* Community sponsors needed – contact producer.