

February 11, 2024

Dear Student,

Thank you so very much for your participation in our recent preliminaries for the "Spotlight On Talent" contest! The excitement and quality of our contestants grow every year, and this year was certainly no different. The **sad part** is that because of time allowances, we just could not take everyone for the finals. The judges had a very hard job to do because all of our participants were so **great!** Also, included in this email we are sending you the comments from the preliminary judges to help you develop your talent for the future.

Even though you will not be a finalist this year, please don't be discouraged, and do consider entering again next time. Through the years we have had many students who did not make the finals one year and the following year ended up in the finals and even a prize winner. **DON'T GIVE UP!** Preparing your act and entering gives you a very valuable experience. We really hope you also just had a fun time.

To honor your bravery in auditioning, we would like to invite you to attend the final contests as our special guest! The finals will take place on Saturday, March 16, 2024, at the Center for the Arts at Wesley Chapel (same place as the auditions). We will have two final shows – the Matinee show is at 12:00 p.m., doors opening at 11:30, and the Evening show is at 7:00 p.m., doors opening at 6:30. Come and cheer on your friends. Let the ticket sellers know you were a preliminary contestant for your free entry, and a purple ribbon keepsake. Everyone else needs a ticket: adults are \$12 or \$20 for both shows; students through high school are \$6 or \$10 for both shows (under 5 is free).

We hope to see you next year!

Sincerely,
Barbara Friedman, Executive Producer