

Press Release – Winners Chosen in 28th Annual “Spotlight on Talent” Competition

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We are contacting you with information about this recent event in several forms – a long, detailed press release, and the following. First is a list of the winners’ names, which is the most important thing to the families of these students. Then a short bulleted list of vital facts that should not be omitted in case of shortening the copy for space reasons, and this link to our web site where you can download your choice of labeled photographs in jpeg form – www.heritagearts.org . Please use as much as you can – this is a HUGE popular event in its 28th year.

ACT I – YOUNGER STUDENTS

CATEGORY 1 –

- 1st – Minerva Nong, piano solo
- 2nd – Eduardo Carreno-Olivo, piano solo
- 3rd – Taylor Hernandez, piano solo
- 4th – Hannah Knight, vocal/guitar solo
- Honorable Mention – Julianna Mazza, acrobatics

CATEGORY 2 –

- 1st – Owen Clanahan, piano solo
- 2nd – Sinclair Feldman, vocal solo
- 3rd – Courtney Graham, musical theatre
- 4th – Clare Hernandez, piano solo
- Honorable Mention – Jessica Twitmyer, vocal solo

GROUPS –

- 1st – Showbiz, Broadway vocal
- 2nd – Destiny Torres & Macy Marshburn, vocal duet

ACT II – OLDER STUDENTS

CATEGORY 1–

- 1st – Chance Nye, piano solo
- 2nd – Destiny Torres, vocal solo
- 3rd – Mary Olive Gauthier, vocal solo
- Honorable Mention – Macy Marshburn, vocal/piano solo

CATEGORY 2 –

1st – Kevin Hernandez, classical guitar solo
1st (tie) – Shelby Martin, musical theatre
3rd – Grace Hernandez, piano solo
Honorable Mention – Katie Ruffell, pointe dance

CATEGORY 3 –

1ST – Bianca Contreras, piano solo
2nd – Amanda Smith, vocal solo
Honorable Mention – Leah Weightman, contemporary dance

GROUPS –

1ST – The Juniors, Sean Morehouse & Adrion Sanchez, dance
2ND – Star Company, dance

VISUAL ART COMPETITION –

Best of Show, High School – Sammy Armstrong
Best of Show, Middle School – Eric Pitton
Honorable Mentions – Elizabeth Fox, Michelle Longstreet, Katie Sutton, Alex Viera
Honorable Mentions – Natalie Davis, Madison Killen, Abigail Smith, Brandon Swinford

Please use at a minimum this information:

- 28th year of regional performing arts competition “Spotlight on Talent” for young people through high school seniors.
- Final 2 shows were on Sat. March 26 at the Center for the Arts at Wesley Chapel High.
- Over 200 students auditioned on Feb. 19 to be named finalists.
- 137 contestants performed to win over \$2,000 in trophies, ribbons and cash prizes.
- Performances of all styles of piano and vocal music, all types of dance, instrumentals included classical guitar, electric guitar, and violin.
- Visual arts competition & show were included.
- Panels of paid, professional judges selected winners of cash prizes.
- Contact producer with any questions at spotlight@heritagearts.org, or 352-567-1720, and more information at www.heritagearts.org .