

## Press Release – Winners Chosen in 29<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.heritagearts.org) . Please use as much as you can – this is a HUGE popular event in its 29<sup>th</sup> year.

#### ACT I – YOUNGER STUDENTS

##### CATEGORY 1 –

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Julianna Mazza, acrobatic dance
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Taylor Hernandez, piano solo
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Nicolas Coste Delvecchio, piano solo

##### CATEGORY 2 –

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Minerva Nong, piano solo
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Victoria Neukom, acrobatic dance
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Tyler Luginski, musical theatre
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Chase Hemphill, vocal solo
- Honorable Mention – Kaitlyn Cicanese, musical theater
- And Timothy Nguyen, piano solo

##### CATEGORY 3 –

- 1<sup>st</sup> – David Singh, piano solo
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jasmine Acevedo, dance
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Molly Bentley, pointe dance

##### GROUPS –

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Star Company Apprentices, acrobatics dance
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Grace & Maggie McGill, Scottish Highland dance

#### ACT II – OLDER STUDENTS

##### CATEGORY 1–

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Mary Olive Gauthier, musical theater
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Macy Marshburn, vocal solo
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Jordan Allison, contemporary dance
- Honorable Mention – Kevin Hernandez, classical guitar

CATEGORY 2 –

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Riley Reardon, dance  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Joseph McGill, Highland bagpipe

CATEGORY 3 –

- 1<sup>ST</sup> – Shelby Martin, musical theater  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Dakota Gagliano, piano solo  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Anna LaRue, lyrical dance  
Honorable Mention – Kalee Strickland, piano solo

GROUPS –

- 1<sup>ST</sup> – Rhythm and Sole Ensemble, tap dance  
2<sup>ND</sup> – “Mama Will Hold Me” Jasmine Acevedo & Riley Reardon, dance

VISUAL ART COMPETITION –

- Best of Show, High School – Coralis Madero  
Best of Show, Middle School – Alexis Bohannon  
Honorable Mentions – Elizabeth Fox, Megan Huppert, Rikki Mins  
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Please use at a minimum this information:

- 29<sup>th</sup> year of regional performing arts competition “Spotlight on Talent” for young people through high school seniors, cost over \$12,000 to produce.
- Final 2 shows were on Sat. March 10 at the Center for the Arts at Wesley Chapel High.
- Over 200 students auditioned on Feb. 11 to be named finalists.
- 133 contestants performed to win over \$3,000 in trophies, ribbons and cash prizes.
- Performances of all styles of piano and vocal music, all types of dance, instrumentals included guitar and Scottish bagpipe
- 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](mailto:spotlight@heritagearts.org), or 352-567-1720, and more information at [www.heritagearts.org](http://www.heritagearts.org) .