

Press Release – Winners Chosen in 30th 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 30th year.

ACT I—YOUNGER STUDENTS

CATEGORY 1 --

- 1st - Taylor Hernandez - piano
- 2nd - Chaasad (Saudi) Fearing - vocal
- 3rd - Bernadette Richter - dance
- 4th - Allison Crump - acrobatics

CATEGORY 2 --

- 1st - Julianna Mazza - lyrical/acrobatics
- 2nd - Maria Hernandez - piano
- 3rd - Emma Lawrence - vocal

CATEGORY 3 -

- 1st - Shalyah Fearing - vocal
- 2nd - Rose Marie Phelps - vocal
- 3rd - Victoria Neukom - acrobatics
- 4th - Timothy Nguyen - piano

GROUPS -

- 1st - Showbiz - musical theater
- 2nd - Flowers Ferguson - vocal
- 3rd - Em and M - vocal

ACT II – OLDER STUDENTS

CATEGORY 1 -

- 1st - Mary Olive Gauthier - vocal
- 2nd - Claire Alexander - violin
- 3rd - Clare Hernandez - piano
- 4th - David Singh - piano

CATEGORY 2 -

- 1st - Kevin Hernandez - guitar
- 2nd - Luke Benedict - original piano
- 3rd - Kailey Holyoke - vocal

CATEGORY 3 -

- 1st - Katie Ruffell - pointe dance
- 2nd - Riley Reardon - dance
- 3rd - Joseph McGill - Highland bagpipe
- 4th - Ashlyn Bigley - vocal

GROUPS -

- 1st - Rhythm and Sole Tap Ensemble - dance
- 2nd - Star Company - dance

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Please use at a minimum this information:

- 30th year of regional performing arts competition “Spotlight on Talent” for young people through high school seniors, cost over \$13,000 to produce.
- Final 2 shows were on Sat. March 16 at the Center for the Arts at Wesley Chapel High. Audiences of hundreds at each show.
- Over 200 students auditioned on Feb. 16 to be named finalists.
- 131 contestants performed to win over \$4,000 in trophies, ribbons and cash prizes.
- Performances of all styles of piano and vocal music, all types of dance, instrumentals included guitar, violin and Scottish bagpipe
- Winner of \$1,000 Pasco Heritage Scholarship – Shelby Martin
- 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 .