

## Press Release – Winners Chosen in 27<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 PDF form – [www.heritagearts.org](http://www.heritagearts.org) . Please use as much as you can – this is a HUGE popular event in its 27<sup>th</sup> year.

### ACT I – YOUNGER STUDENTS

#### CATEGORY 1 –

1<sup>st</sup> – Minerva Nong, piano solo  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Eduardo Carreno-Olivo, piano solo  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Victoria Neukom, acrobatics  
Honorable Mention – Allyson Worthy, vocal solo

#### CATEGORY 2 –

1<sup>st</sup> – Mary Olive Gauthier, vocal solo  
2<sup>nd</sup> – David Singh, piano solo  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Destiny Torres, vocal solo  
Honorable Mention – Rachel Graham, acrobatics

#### GROUPS –

1<sup>st</sup> – Showtime, show choir  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Jessie Hart & Victoria Neukom, acrobatic duet  
Honorable Mention – Showbiz, show choir

### ACT II – OLDER STUDENTS

#### CATEGORY 1–

1<sup>st</sup> – Shelby Martin, musical theater  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Jason Nong, piano solo  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Kevin Hernandez, classical guitar  
Honorable Mention – Katie Ruffell, lyrical dance

CATEGORY 2 –

1<sup>st</sup> – Leah Weightman, modern dance

2<sup>nd</sup> – Amanda Smith, vocal solo

3<sup>rd</sup> – Bianca Contreras, piano solo

Honorable Mention – Kathleen White, vocal solo

GROUPS –

1<sup>ST</sup> – Star Company, lyrical dance

2<sup>ND</sup> – Bradley Cloversettle & Amanda Smith, vocal duet

Honorable Mention – Showstoppers, show choir

VISUAL ART COMPETITION –

Best of Show, High School – Elizabeth Fox

Best of Show, Middle School – Chase Youmans

Honorable Mention – Eric Maier

Honorable Mention – Tayler Trudeau

Honorable Mention – Cody Killen

Honorable Mention – Tracy Perkins

Please use at a minimum this information:

- 27<sup>th</sup> year of regional performing arts competition “Spotlight on Talent” for young people through high school seniors.
- Final 2 shows were on Sat. March 27 at the Center for the Arts at Wesley Chapel High.
- 200 students auditioned on Feb. 27 to be named finalists.
- 152 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, a 7 year old violinist, a rock band, and a wild drum solo.
- 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) .