

# Heritage Arts Center Association

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## ATTENTION, SCHOOL & STUDIO PERSONNEL !!

It's time to let your talented students know about the biggest, most exciting performance competition available in this area! This is an opportunity for them to compete in front of a panel of paid professional judges, to win big cash prizes and trophies, and perform in front of an audience of hundreds !

This is the 26<sup>th</sup> year that our non-profit arts group has produced the "***Spotlight on Talent***" competition, and it gets bigger and better each year. It is VERY popular with the students, and every year hundreds of talented students in grades K – 12 audition. We award over \$2000 in cash prizes, trophies and ribbons! Last year we expanded to two final shows, and will again this year if response merits it. Exact ages for each show will not be determined until after the preliminary tryouts.

You can help promote this event in several ways. First, encourage your students to be a part of the contest. Also, display the enclosed posters and make the following announcement to all students in your school or studio on two different days during the week of Jan. 12 - 16:

Announcement: "Do you dream of being on 'American Idol' or winning a college scholarship? Warm up in a local contest, "**Spotlight on Talent**", that is for talented performers in grades K-12. Singers, gymnasts, instrumental musicians, bands, piano players, baton twirlers, dancers and other forms of entertainment are welcome to participate. There are solo and group categories. You may enter as a solo and with a group. Entry deadline is February 19. The preliminary competition is Saturday, March 7, and the final contests are Saturday, March 28, 2009. All events will take place at the Theater for the Arts at Wesley Chapel High. Cash prizes and trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in several age categories and groups. Please see ..... (Music, Band, Chorus, Dance Teacher) to get an application form. We hope that many of you will enter this exciting competition."

Also please announce the following twice during the week of Feb. 9 – 13:

Reminder: "This reminder is for all students who are planning to participate in the "**Spotlight on Talent**" contest on Saturday, March 28, 2009. The deadline for applications is Thursday, February 19.

If you have a talented student who would like to participate but would have trouble affording the entry fee, please let me know. I am sure we can provide assistance with the help of some local organizations that have offered to help sponsor a student. Our web site [www.heritagearts.org](http://www.heritagearts.org) will have additional information, application forms, competition schedules, rule and informational letters, press releases, etc. Check it out!

Thank you for your cooperation concerning this very exciting opportunity. We know you wouldn't want any of your students to be crushed if they found out about this too late. If you have questions, please call me in the mornings or evenings at (352) 567-1720 or email at [hacaspotlight@yahoo.com](mailto:hacaspotlight@yahoo.com). Thanks! Barbara Friedman, Producer