

Dear Patrons of the Arts,

The 2024-2025 season is coming to a close and has been another successful opportunity for Heritage Arts Center Association to promote and support the arts within our community. We have had the great fortune to welcome new members who will surely bring fresh new energy, ideas, and creativity to the ways in which our organization serves our community in Pasco County. This, our 42nd year, saw 120 school-aged performers featured at Spotlight on Talent, where more than \$4,000 in scholarship funds were awarded. The 26th Moonlight and Ivory performances in November provided lovely entertainment, a pleasing art gallery, and culinary delights for both matinee and evening attendees, as well as supporting our efforts to fundraise for our local young artists.

All of this is possible because of your generous support and involvement in our programs. Whether monetary or time, your contributions are invaluable and far-reaching, working effectively to build up and encourage our young artists to continue developing their unique gifts, abilities, and talents. We are so grateful for your support these past years and look forward to our continued partnership as we prepare to open our 2025-2026 season.

Make sure to mark your calendar to attend the 27th Moonlight and Ivory Concert and Art Show on November 1, 2025, to relish in our own local talented adult musicians and visual artists. Then, save a Saturday in March 2026, where you will be inspired by Pasco County's finest talented youth at Spotlight on Talent.

We exist solely to support fine arts development in Pasco County's youth, encouraging them to contribute more of the beauty of their art, music, theatre, and dance performance in a world that so desperately searches for more. Thank you for your partnership to make our community a more cultured and beautiful place to live, work, and play, as well as everything you do to ensure that this shared mission continues to support the future generations of Pasco County artists.

Respectfully yours,

Heather Kline

President, Heritage Arts Center Association

Moonlight and Ivory

Please join us for our annual **Moonlight and Ivory Concert and Art Show on November 1st, 2025, at the Dade City Woman's Club**. If you have ever attended this superb show, you will know what an outstanding afternoon and evening of entertainment you will enjoy.

Every year local professional musicians, singers and artists come together to provide our community with excellent musical performances of all genres. In addition, area artists display beautiful visual works for you to enjoy.

Please make plans to attend. Tickets will be available to purchase on our website. <https://heritagearts.org>. You may also purchase tickets from the Chamber of Commerce or any HACA Board Member. Your ticket not only includes the show, but delicious refreshments and gourmet coffee too.

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Scholarships

Pasco Heritage Scholarship: HACA awarded two of the twelfth annual Pasco Herit-age Scholarships, made possible by **Suncoast Credit Union Scholarship Grant**, to Conway Theel and Larkin Mainwaring at Spotlight on Talent 2025. Conway and Larkin were the highest scoring Pasco County Seniors at the Finals Competition.

Conway is a classically trained pianist and teacher. Both a performing pianist and percussionist (among other instruments), Conway has been in the music field for over a decade now. Some notable achievements include performing at the Festival of Winds at USF, the Tri-State Honor Band Festival at FSU, and participating in the Piano Institute at the Brevard Music Center. He has been in the Pasco All-County Band thrice, the Florida All-State Honor Band, and is a performing member of the BAY Winds Wind Ensemble and Florida Philharmonia Orchestra. Conway will attend the University of South Florida to continue his music education.

Larkin is a graduated senior and honor student of Pasco eSchool, she has been involved in the arts in the Pasco County community from a young age, participating in AIM Stars, Arts in Motion Youth Theatre, and dance at Blackwood Studios in Dade City. She also serves on PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center Youth Advisory Board. Larkin is the author and illustrator of "Don't Bully Me For What You Can't See", a book focused on invisible illness and bullying prevention. She plans to pursue a BFA in Musical Theatre in college. Larkin is deeply grateful for the past eight years of growth, encouragement, and unforgettable experiences she has had at Spotlight on Talent.

2025 Heritage Arts Nereim Award: HACA awarded two Heritage Arts Nereim Awards, made possible by **Suncoast Credit Union Scholarship Grant**, to Lindsey Overland and Colette Hanke.

Lindsey is a graduate of Cypress Creek High School and plans to attend Ringling College of Art and Design. Lindsey loves all art forms, and her primary field of interest is illustration.

Colette is a graduate of Academy of the Lakes. She has had a fascination for art ever since she was a child and plans to continue her study of the arts in her future.

Both of these winning artworks may be enjoyed on our website, heritagearts.org.

Congratulations to these young people and best wishes for your future.

Spotlight on Talent *2025 Winners*

ACT I Matinee Competition

CATEGORY 1

1st – Adelynn Erickson – Contemporary Dance
2nd – Amber Luu – Piano
3rd – Addie Pereira – Piano
4th – Ruby Ricardo – Musical Theater

CATEGORY 2

1st – Akshath Anand – Vocal & Piano
2nd – Gabriella Tigley – Piano
3rd – Savanna Nelson – Ballet Dance
4th – Naomi Reed – Piano

CATEGORY 3

1st – Kennedy Kring – Pointe Dance
2nd – Chloe Adams – Contemporary Dance
3rd – Tenley Ryman – Contemporary Dance
4th – Jacob Burkett – Piano
5th – Penelope Whipple – Lyrical Ballet

GROUPS

1st – Avery & Kailani – Contemporary Dance
2nd – Velvet Voices – Vocal Duet
3rd – AIM's Melodic Stars – Vocal
4th – Titanic Duo – Violin & Piano

ACT II Evening Competition

CATEGORY 1

1st – Tavin Groomes – Musical Theater
2nd – Paul McGill – Piano
3rd – Rio Ricardo – Musical Theater
4th – Jerry Lee – Piano

CATEGORY 2

1st – Makenna Henry – Contemporary Dance
2nd – Naomi Lopez – Lyrical Dance
3rd – Anna Hutchinson – Jazz Dance
4th – Logan Gilbreath – Guitar
5th – Srikruthi Neralla – Vocal

CATEGORY 3

1st – Conway Theel – Piano
2nd – Samuel Wu – Piano
3rd – Reagan Ricardo – Musical Theater
4th – Larkin Mainwaring – Vocal
5th – Alynza McBride – Ballet Dance

GROUPS

1st – AIM Stars Acting – Acting
2nd – AIM's Harmonic Stars – Vocal
3rd – Star Company I – Contemporary Ballet

PASCO HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIP, TWO \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS MADE POSSIBLE BY SUNCOAST CREDIT UNION SCHOLARSHIP GRANT
Conway Theel – Piano Larkin Mainwaring – Vocal

Spotlight on Talent 2025 Community Sponsors

The following organizations, businesses and individuals gave generous donations to wards Heritage Arts Center Association and Spotlight on Talent. If you are out and about, please thank them for supporting the arts and most importantly for supporting the hard work, dedication and creativity of our youth.

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Heritage Arts Nereim Award made possible by Suncoast Credit Union Scholarship Grant:

- \$1000 to 2 seniors from Pasco County
- Can be for photography, drawing, painting, sculpture, watercolor etc.
- Must submit at least 3 samples of original work.

Nereim Applications are Open January 1, 2026
Application Deadline March 31, 2026 –
For information and application submission, visit our website: heritagearts.org

Heritage Arts Center Association New and Improved Website

Please visit our updated website at heritagearts.org
Our history, an extensive photo gallery, all application processes, forms, and donation options are now available on our website.

Mark Your Calendars

Moonlight and Ivory: November 1, 2025
Spotlight on Talent: December 1, 2025/Applications Open
February 2026/Preliminaries
March 2026/Finals

Please consider a donation to Heritage Arts Center Association. Our mission of enhancing our community with visual and performing arts can only be accomplished with the resources you share with us. We are a non-profit 501-C (3), and your donation is tax deductible. Thank you for helping to enrich our wonderful community. Your generous donation may be made via our website, www.heritagearts.org. For more information about our organization, please visit our website at www.heritagearts.org.