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Calling all talent: Patel Conservatory holds *Tampa's Got Talent* competition to award scholarships

TAMPA, Fla. – Tampa Bay area residents are invited to compete for scholarships at the Patel Conservatory at the David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts (formerly the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center) in the *Tampa's Got Talent* competition on Sunday, July 18. Full scholarships for fall classes at the Patel Conservatory will be awarded to the top four competitors.

Competitors will be asked to perform a prepared two-minute performance piece before a panel of judges in one or more of the following categories: voice, dance, theater and/or musical instrument.

“We are so happy to be able to offer this opportunity of performing arts scholarships to enthusiastic performers, who will greatly benefit from our classes,” said Wendy Leigh, vice president of education at the Straz Center for the Performing Arts.

This is the second year the Patel Conservatory has held *Tampa's Got Talent*, which attracted competitors from all over the Tampa Bay area and awarded scholarships to three performers in 2009. A fourth category and scholarship, for musical instrument, has been added to the 2010 competition.

Those interested in competing should call 813.222.6453 to register or obtain more information. Information about the Patel Conservatory is available at www.patelconservatory.org

As part of the non-profit David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts, the Patel Conservatory offers summer camps and classes for children and adults of all experience levels in all kinds of dance, music and theater.

Events, days, dates and times are subject to change without notice.

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