

'Voice' sensation from Hudson to share love of music

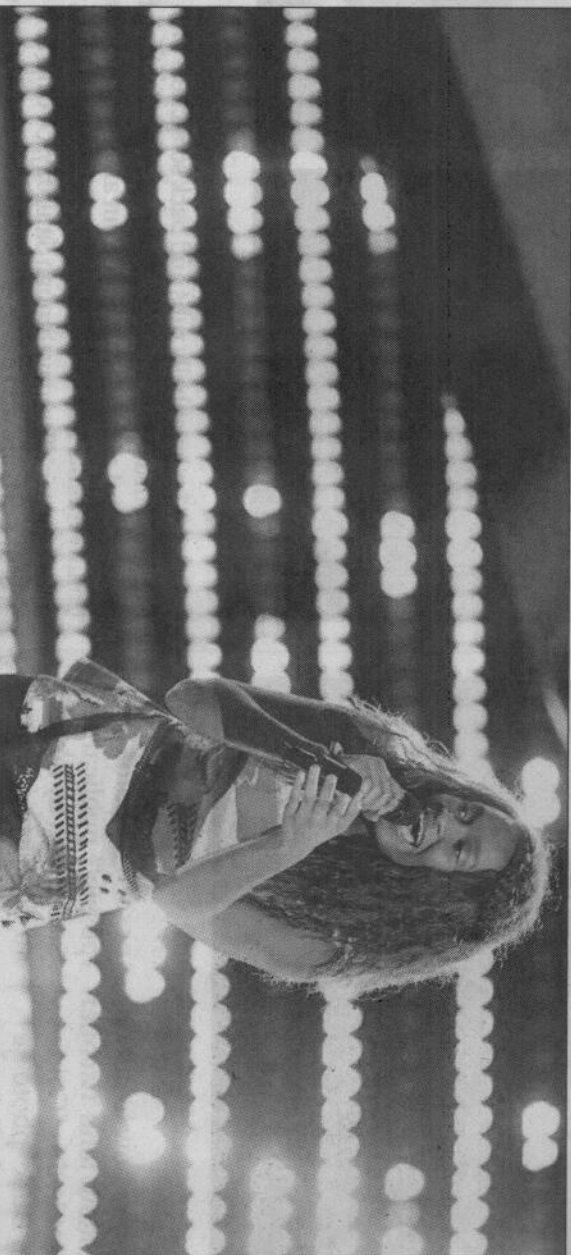
Fearing billed as special guest Sept. 10

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Rick D'Onofrio, managing director at Pasco Schools Center for the Arts at River Ridge, is fond of quoting Albert Einstein that "the arts are contagious, pass them on."

Shalyah Fearing, the 16-year-old Hudson girl, proved just how contagious the arts can be this spring. She attracted many fans as she went far this spring as a contestant on the NBC-TV singing competition show "The Voice."

After a taste of fame, Shalyah has been spreading her love of music among her many Pasco devotees



FILE PHOTO
Shalyah Fearing, a 16-year-old Hudson girl, competed this spring on the NBC-TV show 'The Voice.' She plans to appear Sept. 10 at the Center for the Arts at River Ridge.

at area venues, including four songs with the FearingStar band at the African American Club of Pasco's 2016 Juneteenth party.

Now Shalyah will be a special guest at Talent Showcasse, to be presented Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Center for the Arts at River Ridge, at River Ridge

High School, 11646 Town Center Road. Shalyah will do a 30-minute "talkback" with the audience about her experience as a top 10 finalist on "The Voice," D'Onofrio wrote in an email. The session for questions and answers will begin at 6 p.m.

Then Shalyah will

sing several solos and a duet with River Ridge High School student Brian Langston, D'Onofrio said.

At the 7 p.m. talent show, 20 students, teachers and community members will perform in the showcase. Admission for the event is \$8 to help raise funds for the

River Ridge's Drama Department, D'Onofrio said.

For more information on the show, go online www.center-fortheartsriveridge.com or call (727) 774-7382.

The daughter of Crystal Thomas-Fearing and Darron Fearing, Shalyah is one of

eight musical siblings. "My dad is a reggae artist and I got my dancing ability from my mom who used to break it down back in the day, and still does," Shalyah said in a previous interview in March. "All my brothers and sisters sing, and the four oldest all play instruments," said Shalyah, who plays piano.

She was 7 when her parents became aware of her knack for belting out a tune in a clear, melodious voice that belied her age.

"One day we were in the car and I started singing," Shalyah said. "My mom and dad heard me and thought I sounded good."

Little did they know then just how good until Shalyah got her TV springboard onto a national stage.