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**The Community Theatre of Greensboro (CTG) presents  
TRIAD IDOL 2008 Semi-Finals on March 1 and 2**

*Event is a talent-finder and a fundraiser for CTG*

*Triad-wide talent search will culminate with the crowning of three "Triad Idols" on  
March 9 at the Carolina Theatre in downtown Greensboro*

**Greensboro, NC, February 27, 2008** – After the whirlwind that marked the opening two rounds of TRIAD IDOL 2008, presented by the Community Theatre of Greensboro, the semi-finalists in three age groups have been announced and will be competing on March 1 and 2 at the Odeon Theatre at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex:

- Saturday, March 1, at 1:15 pm: Forty-seven contestants ages 8-12 will compete;
- Saturday, March 1, at 6:15 pm: Fifty-eight contestants ages 13-18 will compete; and
- Sunday, March 2, at 1:15 pm: Sixty-three contestants ages 19 and older (no upper age limit) will compete.

Approximately 12 finalists will be announced in each group at the end of each event. These talented singers will compete for the TRIAD IDOL crown at the Final Event at 3 pm on March 9 at the Carolina Theatre in downtown Greensboro.

The semi-finalists have varying levels of performance experience and come from all across the Triad. "Without question, we've seen more outstanding talent in 2008 than in the past three years," said Mitchel Sommers, CTG's Executive Director. "The judges in both the semi-finals and the Final Event really have their work cut out for them."

Judges will be evaluating each contestant on singing ability, vocal style, and stage presence. In addition to the four onstage judges, whose critiques will account for 80% of each contestant's score, audience support will account for 20% of each

contestant's score. Audience members may show their support for individual semi-finalists by casting votes (\$1/vote) during the intermission following a contestant's performance.

The TRIAD IDOL in each category will receive a prize package including \$1,000 cash; the opportunity to perform as the opening act at an upcoming CTG production; a paid contract to perform at Castle McCulloch's Christmas Castle; a paid contract with the Barn Dinner Theatre; a professional headshot photograph from Aesthetic Images; and a gift bag including gift certificates and prizes from local businesses.

Tickets for each semi-final event are \$10 at the door, or \$5 with a coupon that can be downloaded at [www.triadidol.org](http://www.triadidol.org).

TRIAD IDOL information may be downloaded at [www.triadidol.org](http://www.triadidol.org) or picked up at CTG's office at 200 North Davie Street, Greensboro.

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### **About the Community Theatre of Greensboro**

For 59 years, the Community Theatre of Greensboro has been committed to providing theatre for the community...by the community. CTG knows that an appreciation for the Arts—honed by performing, volunteering backstage, or attending productions—is an important part of a well-rounded life...and an indicator of a vital community. CTG stages a variety of productions each season—from dramas to musicals to the annual production of *The Wizard of Oz* (now entering its 14<sup>th</sup> hit year). CTG believes that TRIAD IDOL fills an important need in our community: giving children, teens, and adults the opportunity to develop their performance skills through an exciting series of events.