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**The Community Theatre of Greensboro (CTG) presents
TRIAD IDOL 2008 Final Event on March 9**

Competition 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, March 4, 2008 – The TRIAD IDOL 2008 semi-final events are over, and the finalists in three age groups have been announced. Forty-one finalists will be vying to be crowned the 2008 Triad Idols at 3 pm on Sunday, March 9, at the Carolina Theatre in downtown Greensboro:

- Thirteen contestants ages 8-12 will compete;
- Thirteen contestants ages 13-18 will compete; and
- Fifteen contestants ages 19 and older (no upper age limit) will compete.

The Community Theatre of Greensboro will announce the TRIAD IDOL and two runners-up in each age group at the conclusion of the Final Event on March 9.

Some finalists have a great deal of performance experience, while others have never sung in public. "All the finalists are incredibly talented," said Mitchel Sommers, CTG's Executive Director. "Throughout the first three rounds of TRIAD IDOL 2008, we've been quite impressed with the contestants' ability to put a unique stamp on their songs and to captivate the audience. And we're confident that they will perform at an even higher level at the Final Event."

Judges will be evaluating each finalist 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 finalists by casting votes (\$1/vote) during the intermission following a contestant's performance.

The TRIAD IDOL in each age group 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 the TRIAD IDOL Final Event may be purchased ahead of time by calling the Carolina Theatre Box Office at (336) 333-2605 or visiting www.carolinatheatre.com. Tickets may also be purchased at the door the day of the show. Tickets are \$10, or \$5 with a coupon that can be downloaded at www.triadidol.org.

TRIAD IDOL information may be downloaded at www.triadidol.org or picked up at CTG's office at 200 North Davie Street, Greensboro.

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 14th 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.

TRIAD IDOL 2008 Finalists

Kids (8-12)

Annaelise Arnold, 9, Summerfield
Karson Bankhead, 12, Asheboro
Christina Beasley, 10, Greensboro
Ian Buff, 11, Winston-Salem
Micah Dalton, 8, High Point
Dionna Daniel, 12, Rural Hall
Rebecca Evans, 11, Pleasant Garden
Zachary Graham, 8, Greensboro
Callan Loflin, 11, Denton
Brittany Sprinkle, 11, Winston-Salem
Brandon Stetina, 11, Jamestown
Zykia Thrower, 12, Greensboro
Rachael Weaver, 11, Randleman

Teens (13-18)

Theresa Bryant, 14, Winston-Salem
Katherine Fish, 18, Greensboro
Morgan Franklin, 15, Lenoir
Priscilla Gray, 14, Sophia
Trent Hughes, 18, Ramseur
Coby Isley, 15, Graham
Jimmie "JJ" Jeter, 14, Rural Hall
Alesha Lawson, 14, Graham
Meredith Matchen, 17, Gibsonville
Daniel Reid, 16, Greensboro
Rodney Sorrell, II, 18, Stokesdale
Myra Tate, 15, Liberty
Jeffrey Williamson, 17, Reidsville

Adults (19 and older)

Aisha Lewis, Raleigh
Kim Brown, Pfafftown
Jaime Gamroth, Greensboro
Ranaro Rahimova, Greensboro
Chris Lane, Kernersville
Chrissy Simpson, Greensboro
Gayle Brooks, Greensboro
Candice Gaither, Winston-Salem
Brandon Godfrey, Burlington
Charles Blakeney, Winston-Salem
LaShawn Millner, Greensboro
James McMillian, Sanford
Neal Shirley, Greensboro
Bobby Pittman, Greensboro
Wanda Steele, Greensboro