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**The Community Theatre of Greensboro (CTG) presents  
TRIAD IDOL 2009 Semi-Finals at the Odeon Theatre on May 16 and 17**

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

*Talent search will culminate with the crowning of three "Triad Idols" on May 31  
at the Carolina Theatre in downtown Greensboro*

**Greensboro, NC, May 6, 2009** – With several hundred incredibly talented singers competing in the 2009 TRIAD IDOL quarter-finals on May 2 and 3, the Community Theatre of Greensboro (CTG) has announced the TRIAD IDOL semi-finalists in three age groups. One hundred twelve semi-finalists will be competing on May 16 and 17 at the Odeon Theatre at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex:

- Saturday, May 16, at 1:15 pm: Thirty contestants ages 8-12 will compete;
- Saturday, May 16, at 6:15 pm: Forty-six contestants ages 13-18 will compete; and
- Sunday, May 17, at 1:15 pm: Thirty-five contestants ages 19 and older (no upper age limit) will compete.

Approximately 12 finalists from each age group will be announced at the end of each event. These talented performers will compete for the TRIAD IDOL crown at the 2009 TRIAD IDOL Final Event at 3 pm on Sunday, May 31, at the Carolina Theatre in downtown Greensboro.

The semi-finalists have varying levels of performance experience and come from all across the Triad (with several traveling from as far away as Charlotte and Dalton,



Georgia). “Every year, our TRIAD IDOL talent pool grows stronger,” said Mitchel Sommers, CTG’s Executive Director. “The judges in both the semi-finals and the Final Event really have an extremely tough job ahead of them.”

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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; and 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.triavidol.org](http://www.triavidol.org).

For more information, please visit [www.triavidol.org](http://www.triavidol.org).

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**About the Community Theatre of Greensboro** ([www.ctgso.org](http://www.ctgso.org))

Founded in 1949, the Community Theatre of Greensboro is the oldest arts organization in Guilford County. In these uncertain economic times – when other arts groups are struggling across the country – CTG is growing stronger by reaching out to a wider segment of our community and focusing on our mission: *Bringing our diverse community together to learn about, experience, and celebrate the joys of theatre.* CTG stages a variety of productions each season – from dramas to musicals to the annual production of *The Wizard of Oz* (now entering its 15<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.