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2008-2009

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2008-2009

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World Premiere Closes to Rave Reviews



Congratulations to everyone involved in bringing a new story to the stage! *Swamp Opera* is now a part of CTH history. This original musical was written by Howell native, Shirley Mitchell with music composed by Heywood Banks. The cast and crew of CTH veterans and new member put together a show that audiences call: "Charming", "Enchanting", "Fun",

"Original", "Fresh", and more than one guest came back to see it again! Thank you for your hard work everyone! And now we send *Swamp Opera* off to bigger ponds and a sunny future. The cast of characters - Joseph Behan, Mary Catherine Dilworth, Ryan Johnson, Andy Techentin, Jennifer Herrell, Jesse Techentin, Caleb Wimbrow, Justin Brandt, Martha Franchi, Jennifer Frank, Melinda Towns, Leslie Hickey, Ryan Huntley, Hannah Schmidke, Derek Ridge, Kerry Traskos, Caitlin Eldred, Henry Tesmer, Emily Iovan, Julie Skrobot, Sophie Techentin, Julia Herrell, Andrea Conroy, Lauren Somers, Samantha White, Kathleen Traskos, Rebecca Thomas, Alais Murillo, Caleigh Barnaby, Bryce Watson, Lauren Eldred, Samantha Seelinger, Abigail Harrison - was lead by the hard working dedicated Director Becky Dilworth, Assistant Director and Producer Karen Somers and stage manager Elly Mikula along with Asst Stage Manage Lindsey Tersigni, Tim Meixner and Melinda Towns on music, Gil Bazil on dance, Bruce Grotenhuis on tech and Kathy Wilmoth on costumes. CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!

It's a Wonderful Life Comes to Howell

"Every time a bell rings, an angel gets his wings," says little Zuzu at the end of the beloved classic film, *It's a Wonderful Life*. Now this holiday favorite has been made into a delightful musical featuring all the characters you have come to love.



The Ferguson and Greer classic, *It's a Wonderful Life, the Musical*. Our hero, George Bailey, has reached a life

crisis and is considering ending it all when Angel Second Class Clarence

Odbody comes to the rescue. By showing George what the world would have been without him, George realizes what a wonderful life he has after all. A rousing musical and a heart-warming story for the entire family that reaffirms the value of every single life. Cast includes: John Hess as George

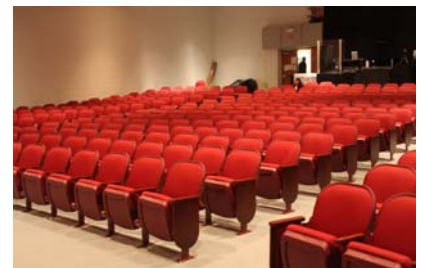
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Luxurious New Seats Installed

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A HUGE thank you to Bruce Grotenhuis and all the volunteers who helped get the auditorium ready for the installation of our new super comfortable extra roomy seats. The auditorium looks brand new and there is still time to have a seat of your own.

The cost of a seat is \$300. This contribution entitles the donor to a seat recognition plaque, which will be good for the life of the seat. The plaque can feature your name, a business name, a graduating student's name, the name of a loved one, or whatever you



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George Bailey..... John Hess
 Clarence Odbody..... Gil Bazil
 Mary Hatch Bailey..... Mary Jo DelVero
 Harry Bailey..... Kevin Rogers
 Sam Wainwright..... Jerry Bliznik
 Violet Bick..... Bethany Perkins
 Uncle Billy..... James Geer
 Cousin Tilly..... Becky Hess
 Mother Bailey..... Karen Hubbell
 Peter "Pop" Bailey..... Jim Henne
 Officer Bert, the Policeman..... Ray Pacek
 Ernie Bishop, the Taxidriver..... Rob Boyd
 Henry Potter..... Marc Harlow
 Mr. Emil Gower..... David Micoff
 Mr Martini..... Jeff Fox
 Mrs. Martini..... Louise Schroeder
 Franklin, the Angel..... Jack Shepard
 Josefina, the Angel..... Carla Pacek
 Ruth Dakin Bailey..... Diana Fox
 Marty Hatch, Mary's brother..... Matt Micoff
 Mrs. Hatch, Mary's mother..... Martha Franchi
 Mayor..... Mike Gramer
 Joe Hepner, Dept Store Mgr..... Matt Micoff
 Mr Reineman, rent collector..... Mike Randall
 Shirley, bank clerk..... Carolina DeLuca
 Tom, B&L customer..... Jack Shepard
 Mrs Carlsen, B&L customer..... Theresia Rogers
 Mr Randall, B&L customer..... Mike Randall
 Mrs Thompson, B&L customer..... Jill Bliznik
 Mrs Davis, B&L customer..... Nicole Boyd
 Miss Edwards, B&L customer..... Leah Socia
 Mr Carter, bank examiner..... Jack Shepard
 Salvation Army lady..... Laurie Russell
 Potter's secretary..... Katie Pacek
 Sheriff..... Mike Randall

Bailey children:

Peter Bailey.....Austin Boyd
 Janie Bailey.....Tori Rogers
 Tommy Bailey.....Todd Nielson
 Zuzu Bailey.....Arielle Bliznik
 Young George.....Jacob Pacek
 Young Mary.....Brooke Bliznik
 Young Violet.....Karsyn Textor

Martini children:

Rosalina.....Brooke Bliznik
 Antonio.....Austin Dunlop
 Franco.....Ben Frimodig

Solos: *Christmas Eve (male)*.....Matt Micoff
Christmas Eve (female).....Diana Fox
You Are Now in Bedford Falls...Diana Fox

Youth Chorus (Townspople):

Arielle Bliznik	Brooke Bliznik	Austin Boyd
Elise Boyd	Ben Frimodig	Madeline Frimodig
Katie Geer	Easton Hollister	Paige Minney
Thomas Nielson	Todd Nielson	Jacob Pacek
Tori Rogers	Jacob Russell	Kayla Schulte
Sara Sullivan	Ann Zanin	

Adult/Teen Chorus (Townspople)

Jill Bliznik	Nicole Boyd	Carolina DeLuca
Diana Fox	Martha Franchi	Mike Gramer
Matt Micoff	Abi Minney	Carla Pacek
Katie Pacek	Mike Randall	Theresia Rogers
Laurie Russell	Jack Shepard	Leah Socia
Karsyn Textor		

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choose. Requests for specific seats will take place on a first-come, first-served basis; therefore the earlier you place your order the better chance you have of getting the seat you would like.

In order to make the purchase of the seat easier, the cost can be paid over the period of twelve months. Take advantage of this historic opportunity to have a seat dedicated to yourself or someone you love. Call 517-376-4134 or see the CTH website to print an order form www.cththeatre.org.

None of this would have been possible without the volunteer help of Richard, Debbie, Tim and Elly Mikula, Gil Bazil, John Hess, Bob Skrobot, Dave and Mary Dilworth, Andy, Amy and Jesse Techentin, Dirk and Justin Brandt, Ken Medelis,

Ryan Huntley, Mike Barnaby and son, Sherry Randall, Amy and Caleb Wimbrow and Vera Cunningham. Special thanks to Debbie Mikula and Mary Jo DelVero for coordinating the food, Carolina DeLuca and Karen Somers for helping set up lunch, Sherry Randall and Debbie Mikula for picking up pizza, Debbie Mikula for lugging in beverages and ice and to Dirk Brandt for coming in again on Sunday to help Bruce Grotenhuis put a second coat of paint on the floor.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? CTH actors in other theaters.

Brooke Bliznik - has the lead, Annette, in Detroit Opera's children's opera, *Brundibar*. Performances are March 20 and 21, 2009. Tickets are on sale now. Call 313-237-7464.

Christopher Brandt - is playing Zero in Pinckney Players production of *Holes*. Performances Oct 4-5, 11-12, 2008. Tickets \$10, on sale. Call 810-220-9332 for more information.

Alex and Caroline McLauren - have the leads, BJ and Belle Stanger, in the movie *Horse Crazy* being shot in Howell by Director Eric Hendershot.

Keith Medelis - is directing *HAIR* at Albion college. Performances October 15-18, 2008 at 8pm. Tickets, \$5, can be obtained by calling 810-229-2315.

Order Tickets Now

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE, THE MUSICAL PRE-SALE TICKET ORDER FORM

Please check your dates carefully prior to submitting the order. **THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS. Tickets can be exchanged for a different performance of It's a Wonderful Life the Musical at a cost of \$1 per ticket.** Tickets purchased at the door will be \$2 more. If you have any questions, please call Barbara Brandt at (517) 545-1290.

If you would prefer, tickets can also be purchased by going to our ticket outlets (cash, check, VISA, or Mastercard), online at www.cththeatre.org (VISA, Mastercard, Discover, and American Express; online sales are subject to a service charge from the online ticket agent), or by calling the box office at 517/545-1290 (VISA or Mastercard only). Credit card orders purchased at the outlets or through the box office will be subject to a \$.50 per ticket charge.

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ City _____



State _____ Zip _____ Phone Days _____ E-Mail _____

Show Dates	Adults \$16	Seniors (60 & over) \$14	Students (any age) \$14	Total # of Tickets	Total "\$" Per Show
Friday, November 14, 2008 8:00 p.m.					
Saturday, November 15, 2008 2:00 p.m.					
Saturday, November 15, 2008 8:00 p.m.					
Sunday, November 16, 2008 2:00 p.m.					
Friday, November 21, 2008 8:00 p.m.					
Saturday, November 22, 2008 2:00 p.m.					
Saturday, November 22, 2008 8:00 p.m.					
Sunday, November 23, 2008 2:00 p.m.					
Total Amount Due if Ordering for More Than One Show					\$

Amount Paid---Check _____ Check Number _____ Cash _____ Order Filled _____

Credit Card Number _____ Exp. _____ Name _____

Don't forget to save your VG's receipts and turn them in to Barbara Brandt!

Group Discounts

Did you know that the Community Theatre of Howell offers discounted ticket prices to groups of 10 or more (20+ for the youth show)? If you belong to a senior citizen group, a sports group, a scout troop, etc., consider getting together and taking a trip to see one of the exciting shows in our 2008-2009 season. Please contact our Box Office at (517) 545-1290, or Barbara Brandt at brandt.clan@sbcglobal.net, if you wish to purchase group tickets. You will not be able to get the group sales discount at our ticket outlets.

Production	Performance Dates	Group Sales Ticket Price*
<i>It's A Wonderful Life, the Musical</i>	November 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 2008	10-19 \$15 adults \$13 students/seniors 20+ \$14 adults \$12 students/seniors
<i>Go Dog, Go!**</i>	December 12, 13, 14, 2008	20+ \$6 all tickets
<i>Dearly Departed</i>	February 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 2009	10-19 \$12 adults \$10 students/seniors 20+ \$11 adults \$9 students/seniors
<i>Grease</i>	April 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 2009	10-19 \$15 adults \$13 students/seniors 20+ \$14 adults \$12 students/seniors

* To receive the discount, groups must be paid in full at least 48 hours before the **opening** performance.

** Discount applies ONLY to the public performances – not to the school shows.

If you are part of a scout troop working toward a Theater/Showman/Let's Pretend badge, let us know, and when you book your group for a performance, we will send you a packet including activities specific to your troop to help you earn your badge. You may also be able to participate in a backstage tour.

Please contact Carla Pacek at wascross@comcast.net for more information.

WIZARD OF OZ VISITS DOMINOS PIZZA FOR EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Shannon Herrington, the corporate events coordinator for Dominos Pizza (who saw our performance of Wizard of Oz) contacted CTH asking for some Oz characters for a corporate event she was planning – the Reppy Awards, awarding exceptional corporate team members. We brought several of our youth in costume and makeup, including Hannah Grishke, Jesse Techentin, Matt Micoff, Chris Micoff, Elly Mikula, Katie Pacek, Henry Tesmer, Jacob Pacek, Alex McLaren, Caroline McLaren, Sophie Techentin, Tori Rogers, Tim Mikula, Abi Minney and Katie Frank. We had an excellent makeup duo – Jennifer and Gillian Frank, and lots of parent helpers. Dominos rented several theaters at the Canton Emagine Movie Theater and our kids were stationed in one of them to greet the guests as they arrived for the awards portion of the event. They introduced the CEO of Dominos (who made a point of meeting each of them individually before the event), and were called up onto the stage and introduced as members of the Community Theatre of Howell. CTH will be compensated and Shannon Herrington agreed to include information about our season in the Dominos newsletter which goes to all Dominos employees.



Season Tickets Now on Sale

Huge Savings! Compare savings to single ticket prices.

All 4 shows:

Adult, door price \$59. Season ticket price \$46, a 22% savings
 Senior/Student door price \$53. Season ticket price \$42, a 22% savings

Mainstage Shows, without Youth Theatre show:

Adult, door price \$52. Season ticket price \$40, a 22% savings
 Senior/Student, door price \$46. Season ticket price \$36, a 22% savings

Easy Exchanges! Only season ticket holders may exchange their tickets for another performance of the same show at no charge. Just give us a call.

Best Seat Choice and No Waiting in Line.

Tickets are offered for sale to season ticket holders prior to sale to cast members and the general public and your seats are reserved so you do not need to arrive early and stand in line.

Obtain the order form online at www.cththeatre.org or call 517-545-1290.
 Mail form and payment to: Community Theatre of Howell, P.O. Box 533, Howell MI 48844 or PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE at www.cththeatre.org



November 14,15,16, 2008
 November 21, 22, 23, 2008



December 12, 13, 14, 2008



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 February 13, 14, 15, 2009



April 17, 18, 19, 2009
 April 24, 25, 26, 2009

Go Dog Go Cast Announced

We recently held auditions for our production of **Go Dog, Go!**. We had an excellent turnout! Lots of kids, ages 6-18 showed up to try for 20 parts. Casting was extremely difficult, but we are excited about the excellent cast we have put together (see below). We will be performing this show 11 times!! We will have 8 school shows on December 9th, 10th and 11th, as well as 3 public performances on December 12th (7:00pm), 13th (7:00pm) and 14th (2:00pm).

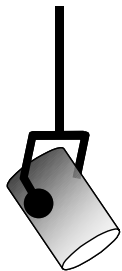
The show is directed by Sherry Randall. Additional members of the production staff include Carla Pacek, Producer; Susan Harvey, Vocal Director; and Matt Cameron, Stage Manager. In addition, this CTH production has a number of talented teens involved behind the scenes: Jesse Techentin, Assistant Director; Breanne Randall, Assistant Producer and Co-Choreographer; Chris Techentin, Assistant Stage Manager; Annie Bourbonais, Co-Choreographer; and Caitlin Eldred, Assistant Costumer.

Cast of Characters:

MC Dog.....	Skip Harvey	Big Dog Chorus	Tegan Chesney
Hattie.....	Payton Reilly	.....	Mackenzie Horton
Blue Dog	Elly Mikula	.....	Jenny Horton
Red Dog	Britney Randall	Poodle Posse	Aubrey Klein
Yellow Dog	Camille Mikat	.....	Emily Breneman
Green Dog	Doug Harvey	.....	Brooklyn Harvey
Orange Dog	Andi Ailing	.....	Caroline McLaren
Spotted Dog	Alexander McLaren	.....	Cora-Melin Mikat
House Manager	Tegan Chesney	Little Dog Chorus	Lauren Eldred
Little Bird	Sophie Techentin	CiCi Mikat
		Genevieve Schoeberlein
		Sophie Techentin

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CTH Upcoming Dates:

October 25 - CTH Board meeting - 10:00 am.- CTH Green Room
November 14,15,16 - *It's a Wonderful Life, the Musical* performances. Friday at 8:00pm,
Saturday 2:00pm and 8:00pm and Sunday at 2:00pm
November 17, 18, 20- *Dearly Departed* auditions, See website for details.
November 20 - CTH Board meeting -7:00pm - CTH Green Room
November 21, 22, 23 - *It's a Wonderful Life, the Musical* performs, Friday at 8:00pm
Saturday 2:00pm and 8:00pm and Sunday at 2:00pm.
December 9, 10, 11 - *Go Dog Go* School performances.
December 12, 13, 14 - *Go Dog Go* Public performances. Friday at 7:00pm, Saturday at
7:00pm and Sunday at 2:00pm.
December 20 - CTH Board meeting - 10:00am - CTH Green Room

HAVE YOU PURCHASED YOUR NEW COMFY SEAT YET?

Included with the purchase of a seat is a plaque with a name of your choice and first priority for these seats each season. For details, please see pages 1 and 2.