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Fall Musical Auditions

We are excited to announce the auditions for the fall musical, *Oklahoma!*

Oklahoma! is Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein's first collaboration and remains one of America's best-loved musicals. Audience members leave the theater singing the tunes. The show is set in Indian Territory at the turn of the century when cattlemen and farmers were fighting

over fences and water rights. Curly, a young ranch hand and Laurey, a beautiful farm girl, have a secret love between them but are too proud to admit their feelings to one another. To spite Curly, Laurey accepts an invitation to the local box social with her menacing hired hand, Jud Fry. Meanwhile, Will Parker has returned from his trip to Kansas City and intends on marrying Ado Annie, who at the moment is taken with the traveling salesman, Ali Hakim. This trio of characters will be sure to have audience members laughing in their seats.

Will and Ado Annie outsmart Ali Hakim, Curly and Jud duel it out, with Jud falling on his own knife and dying. Laurey and Curly ride off in their surrey with the fringe on top.

***Oklahoma!* has roles for all ages. There is something for everyone.**

Auditions take place at the Howell High School Freshman Campus, 1400 West Grand River Avenue, Howell, on August 24th, 25th and 26th. Rehearsals begin on August 31st. Performances are November 13th, 14th, 15th, 20th, 21st, 22nd (8 shows total with two on each Saturday). Evening shows begin at 7:30pm, matinees begin at 2:00pm.

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Annual Meeting and Picnic

This year's annual meeting and picnic were held July 19th at the park near the Brandt residence. Eighty members were in attendance and there was fun for all with the kids swimming and the adults socializing with one another in a relaxing atmosphere. CTH provided hamburgers, brats and hot dogs and there were so many delicious side dishes it was hard to decide which ones to sample.

The bylaws were changed to allow for 18 board members and the slate of officers was unanimously elected. Each Director for the 2009/10 season, or their representative, shared the vision for their production and described a little about the audition expectations.

An exciting season is planned and we hope to see you all at many of the productions.



Important Dates & Information - Oklahoma! Auditions

Monday, August 24th – Adult chorus and leads (ages 14 & up) will do their vocal & dance audition. Greenroom opens at 5:30pm and you must be signed in by 7:30pm (no late arrivals will be accepted). If auditioning for a lead role, please come prepared to sing a song of your choosing (preferably from the show), or music will be provided for lead characters in the audition packet. If auditioning for a chorus part, please be prepared to sing *Row Row Row Your Boat* or bring a prepared song. All auditionees will be asked to sing back a short melodic pattern, which will be played on the piano. Leads will be vocalized for range.

Tuesday, August 25th – Reading auditions. If auditioning for a lead, please come with the prepared reading memorized (readings will be given out on Monday at the vocal/dance audition). Greenroom opens at 5:30pm and you must be signed in by 7:30pm. Auditionees will be asked to pair up and do some additional readings.

Wednesday, August 26th – Kids (ages 6-13) auditions and featured dance auditions. (Call backs if necessary). Greenroom will open at 4:00pm. Kids must be signed in by 4:30pm. The song and dance will be taught one time to the entire group at 4:30pm and auditions will begin immediately after. At 6:30pm featured dance auditions will begin. Featured dancers can check in between 5:30-6:30pm. We are looking for dancers for the *Dream Ballet* and “*Many a New Day*”. Two girls who look alike with dance background (especially tap) are needed also. At 7:00pm we will have callbacks for lead roles if necessary.

Saturday, August 29th - Cast list posted by 2:00pm on back door of theatre and on our website at (www.cththeatre.org).

Rehearsals begin Monday, August 31st – and usually run 6:30-9:30pm Monday through Friday plus a few Saturday rehearsals. *Dream Ballet* will rehearse Saturday mornings.

Performances: November 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22 (8 shows total with two on each Saturday). Evening shows 7:30pm, matinee shows at 2:00pm.

Please bring a current picture, your resume (if you have one) and all conflicts from September 1 – November 22. The audition form is available on our website if you wish to complete it prior to arrival. Audition materials will be available to anyone interested, on Saturday, August 8th from 10:00am – 3:00pm at the Freshman Campus. If you can not pick up a packet on the 8th, you can make other arrangements by calling the producer – Michele Barnaby at 517-404-0195.

Artistic questions may be addressed to the director, Kelli Falls at 517-540-6798.
For character descriptions, see page 5.

Local Theatre Performs - *Oklahoma!*

Tickets are now on sale for The Encore Musical Theatre Company's production, *Oklahoma!*. If you are thinking about auditioning for CTH's production of *Oklahoma!*, this is an excellent opportunity to see the show locally and support another growing theatre company.

Performances are August 6-23, Thursday at 7:30, Friday and Saturday at 8:00, and Saturday, Sunday matinees at 3:00.

Tickets can be purchased from the website at www.theencoremusicaltheatre.org or over the phone by calling 734-268-6200. The theatre is located at 3126 Broad St, Dexter, MI 48130.

The show is filled with talented performers from New York and Michigan as well as some CTH members. Tickets are selling quickly. Get yours today.

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



SEASON TICKETS NOW ON SALE

Select dates (please select only one):

- 1st Fri (opening night)
 2nd Fri evening
 1st Sat evening
 2nd Sat evening
 1st Sun matinee
 2nd Sun matinee (final show)
 NOTE: *Schoolhouse Rock Live! Junior* only performs one weekend)

Select seating, please check one choice in each column:

- Rows 1-5 the center section of the auditorium
 Rows 6-10 the left section (as you look at the stage)
 Rows 11-15 the right section (as you look at the stage)
 I had season tickets for 2008-09, and would like the same seats, please.



November 2009



December 2009

Select either Package A or Package B:

Package A - Main Stage Shows:
(Oklahoma!, Escanaba in Love, The Music Man)

- Adult.....\$40 each Qty_____ Total \$ _____
 Senior/Student ...\$34 each Qty_____ Total \$ _____



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Package B - Main Stage Shows in Package A + Youth Shows:
(Schoolhouse Rock Live! Junior, Disney's Cinderella Kids)

- Adult\$53 each Qty_____ Total \$ _____
 Senior/Student ..\$48 each Qty_____ Total \$ _____



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Credit card fee per seat - \$1 each Qty_____ Total \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL (all packages and credit card fees) \$ _____

Name (as you would like it printed in the program)* _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email (for receipt and electronic newsletter) _____

Visa MasterCard Check (payable to: Community Theatre of Howell)

Card # _____ Expiration date _____

Signature _____

* Note: if you are purchasing season tickets for a group of family/friends, CTH wishes to thank each person by including their name in our program(s), and sending them news regarding future events. Kindly include their names and addresses on a separate sheet of paper.

**MAIL THE ENTIRE FORM to: Community Theatre of Howell, P.O. Box 533, Howell, MI 48844
 or purchase tickets online at: www.cththeatre.org**

Advertise to 10,000+ Potential Clients

For the past 24 years, the Community Theatre of Howell (CTH) has been impressing Livingston County audiences with professional quality productions. Formed in 1985 by a group of dedicated theatre enthusiasts, CTH is the county's largest community theatre group with over 800 dedicated and active members. CTH takes pride in the professionalism that it brings to every aspect of every production, which consistently draws appreciative and enthusiastic audiences.

This year CTH will present another outstanding season. We will be presenting TWO popular musicals, ***Oklahoma!*** and ***The Music Man***, TWO youth productions, ***School House Rock Live, Jr.*** and ***Disney's Cinderella Jr.***, and the hilarious ***Escanaba in Love*** (the Jeff Daniels's prequel to *Escanaba in da Moonlight*). This spectacular season promises to attract our largest audiences yet, and we are well on our way to bypass last year's 315 plus season ticket subscribers.

In an average season, CTH utilizes the talents of over 400 people both in front of the footlights and behind the scenes, and **season audiences generally exceed 10,000**. In an effort to make theatre an affordable, family-oriented activity, we have kept our tickets reasonably priced, but in reality, productions such as the ones mentioned above cost upwards of \$30,000 to produce! As you might then summarize, ticket sales alone do not cover the costs of producing these shows, and we must supplement the remainder of our budget with sponsorships, advertisers, memberships and individual patronage. **You can help us continue our commitment to quality theatrical performances in Livingston County by becoming a CTH supporter.**

We invite you to consider becoming a season ad subscriber by placing an ad for your business in our production programs. Your ad will appear in the programs for all five shows, giving your business excellent exposure for the coming year to 10,000 plus CTH patrons. You will not only be engaging in a first-rate and effective advertising opportunity for your business, but you will be supporting the arts in your own community – a winning combination!

The application form for your ad is below, along with ad sizes and prices.
CTH values your commitment to your community!

I would like a: Full page ad (4.5" x 7.5") _____ \$600.00
Half page ad (4" x 4") _____ \$300.00
Quarter page ad (3.5" x 2") _____ \$150.00

Attach a hardcopy of your company's ad to this form OR submit your ad (.jpg format) to: vcunningham@comcast.net
Mail this form and your payment to address shown below.

Contact Name/Title: _____

Business Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Business Phone: _____ Alternate phone: _____

Email Address _____ Company website: _____

Form of payment: Check (payable to Community Theatre of Howell) Ck # _____ Amount \$ _____

VISA or MasterCard # _____ Expiration Date _____

Name on Card _____ Signature _____

Return this form and payment to: Vera Cunningham, 115 Victoria Park Drive, Howell MI 48843

For more information, please contact: Vera Cunningham, 517-548-3605, vcunningham@comcast.net

**CTH is a non-profit 501C3 corporation; all contributions are fully tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.
CTH tax identification no: 38-3073924 - CTH website: www.cththeatre.org**

CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS - *OKLAHOMA!*

Curly – minimum age 16, must appear 20-33, Male, Baritone. A proud, handsome ranch hand who loves Laurey. Needs to be confident and fun-loving. If possible will also play the part of Curly in the *Dream Ballet*. Needs to be comfortable kissing on stage.

Laurey Williams – minimum age 16, must appear 18-33, Female, Soprano. Aunt Eller's stubborn and beautiful niece who loves Curly. Very independent and coy. If possible will also play the part of Laurey in the *Dream Ballet*. Needs to be comfortable kissing on stage.

Ado Annie Carnes – minimum age 15, must appear 18-30, Female, Soprano. A slightly promiscuous flirt who cannot say no to men's advances. She is ditzzy, gullible and so much fun. Needs to be comfortable kissing onstage.

Will Parker – minimum age 16, must appear 20-35, Male, Tenor. A happy and simple cowman who is in love with Ado Annie Carnes. Will is fun and the life of the party. Not overly bright. If possible will play the part of Will in the *Dream Ballet*. Needs to be comfortable kissing on stage. Must be a strong dancer.

Jud Fry – minimum age 17 must appear 27-46, Male, Baritone. A grim loner who is a hired hand on Laurey's farm. He lusts after Laurey. Sullen, mysterious, dangerous. If possible, will also play the part of Jud in the *Dream Ballet*.

Ali Hakim – minimum age 17, must appear 28-35, Male, Baritone. A wily Persian peddler. A smooth talker who loves the ladies. *Has an unusual accent.

Aunt Eller – minimum age 25, must appear 40-60, Female, Mezzo-Soprano. Laurey's well-respected, feisty, yet motherly aunt. She is the matriarch of the community. Everyone loves Aunt Eller and she keeps everyone on their toes.

Featured ensemble roles:

Gertie Cummings – minimum age 16, must appear 18-25, Female. A flirtatious girl who desperately wants to get married. She has a very distinctive laugh.

Andrew Carnes – minimum age 20, must appear 30-60, Male. Tenor. Ado Annie's dad who is rough and gruff. He is a farmer thru and thru and is the county judge.

Chord Elam – minimum age 18, must appear 25-65, Male, Baritone. A cowman. An upstanding wise man.

Ike Skidmore – minimum age 18, must appear 40-65, Male, Baritone with high range. A cowman – sings solo in *Farmer and The Cowman*. Fun outgoing man.

Will's Cowboy Posse:

Fred – minimum age 15, must appear 18-35 Male, Baritone. A cowman.

Slim – minimum age 15, must appear 18-35, Male, Baritone or Tenor. A cowman.

Chalmers – minimum age 15, must appear 22-65, Male, Baritone or Tenor.

Mike – minimum age 15, must appear 18-35 Male, Baritone or Tenor.

Joe – minimum age 15, must appear 18-40 Male, Baritone or Tenor.

Sam – minimum age 15, must appear 18-45 Male, Baritone or Tenor.

Laurey's friends:

Kate – minimum age 15, must appear 18-35, Female, Soprano. Sings solo in *Out Of My Dreams*, friend of Laurey.

Ellen – minimum age 15, must appear 18-35, Female, Soprano. Sings solo in *Out Of My Dreams*, friend of Laurey.

Virginia – minimum age 15, must appear 18-35, Female, Soprano. Sings solo in *Out Of My Dreams*, friend of Laurey.

Vivian – minimum age 15, must appear 18-35, female soprano. Sings solo in *Out Of My Dreams*, friend of Laurey.

Sylvie, Armina, Aggie, Jess minimum age 15, must appear 18-35, Female, Soprano or Alto. Friends of Laurey looking for strong dance background.

Ensemble: Two girls that look alike for the groupies that follow Will Parker around. Must be strong dancers. Will also do some tap dancing. Minimum age 12, must appear 16-23.

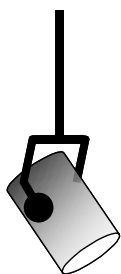
Many farmers, cowhands, wives and children. Minimum age for children 6.

Featured Dancers: Dancers for the *Dream Ballet* and dance number *Many A New Day*. May be additional cast. We may need to double cast many leads as dancers for the dream ballet.

The director reserves the right to cast outside the given ages.

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CTH Upcoming Dates:

August 20 -	CTH Board meeting, 7pm, theatre green room
August 24, 25, 26 -	<i>Oklahoma!</i> Auditions, theatre green room, see pg 1,2, 5 for details
September 18, 19 -	<i>Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr.</i> auditions, theatre green room, watch website and future newsletters for details.
November 13-15, 20-22	<i>Oklahoma!</i> performs, Friday & Saturday at 7:30pm, Saturday & Sunday at 2:00pm.
November 23, 24	<i>Escanaba in Love</i> auditions, theatre green room, watch website and future newsletters for details.
December 18, 19, 29	<i>Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr.</i> performs, Friday & Saturday at 7:30, Saturday and Sunday at 2:00pm.

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. A great gift for yourself or a theatre lover in your life.

Check the website www.cththeatre.org for details