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The Community Theatre of Howell announces auditions for
Carousel

The Community Theatre of Howell announces the audition schedule for their fall musical, *Carousel*. Open auditions for all roles will be held August 14, 15, 16, with performances slated for November 10-12 and 17-19. Both auditions and performances will be held at Howell High School Freshman Campus, 1400 W. Grand River, Howell.

We are looking for a large cast, male and female, from first grade through our beloved, silver-haired seniors. The chorus is extremely important in this show, providing the family background for the story which is set on the Maine seacoast. The cast also includes many non-singing roles, a Dance Ensemble, and actors with special skills such as juggling, gymnastics, stilt-walking etc. Complete character descriptions can be found on the website www.cththeatre.org or by contacting the Co-Producers.

From the magical evocation of the carousel in the overture to the majestic and moving strains of the immortal "You'll Never Walk Alone," this giant of the musical stage remains timeless and starbright. The poignant story of the faithful Julie Jordan and her troubled husband, Billy Bigelow, with his final redemption after a lifetime of struggle, is a true classic of the American stage. Famous songs from *Carousel's* extraordinary score include "June is Bustin' Out All Over" and "If I Loved You." Time Magazine named *Carousel* the "**Best Musical of the 20th Century**" and it always remained Rodgers and Hammerstein's personal favorite of all their lovely creations.

Director for the show, Vera Cunningham, encourages anyone who would like more information, an audition flyer, to check out a script, to obtain suggested audition songs or scenes, to contact Co-Producer, Shannon Millington, 517-548-5091, shanmillington@comcast.net. A complete audition flyer with character descriptions and suggested audition songs is also listed at www.cththeatre.org.

The specific audition schedule is as follows:

8/12 – 1-2 pm: optional dance workshop 7th grade thru adult
2-3 pm: optional dance workshop 1st thru 6th grade
3-5 pm: film showing

8/14 – 6-7pm: dance auditions for Featured Dancers, Louise, Carnival Boy. Begin with paperwork at 6, learn the dance at 6:30 and then audition. No vocal audition required.
6:30-9:30pm vocal and dance auditions for youth chorus , 1st thru 6th grade. A song and dance will be taught.

8/15 6-10pm: vocal and dance auditions for Principal Roles and Chorus 7th grade thru adult.
6-6:30pm: Complete paperwork, pick up scenes.
6:30-7:15: learn the dance.
7:15-7:30: learn the song (if one is not prepared).
7:30-10:00: vocal and dance auditions for principal roles and chorus; If you are auditioning ONLY for a non-speaking role, you do not have to do a dance or vocal audition.

8/16 – 7-10pm: Principal Roles, Secondary Roles and Non-Singing Roles. Reading auditions.

8/17 – 7pm: Callbacks, if necessary

8/21 – 6:30-9:30: Rehearsals begin