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The Community Theatre of Howell proudly announces auditions for
The Wizard of Oz

Written by L. Frank Baum, Adapted by Frank Gabrielson
With music and lyrics of the MGM motion picture score by Harold Arlen and E.Y. Harburg
Background Music by Herbert Stothart

INFORMATION AT A GLANCE:

- **What:** *The Wizard of Oz* Auditions
- **Who:** The Community Theatre of Howell (CTH)
- **Where:** Howell High School Freshman Campus, 1400 West Grand River, Howell, MI
- **When:** Thursday, August 16, 2007 (6:00 – 11:00pm), Friday, August 17, 2007 (7:00 – 11:00pm), and Saturday, August 18, 2007 (8:30am – 4:00pm) (see below for additional details). A non-mandatory Audition Dance Workshop will be offered Tuesday, August 14, 2007 (7:00 – 9:00pm)
- **Performances:** November 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 2007 (8 performances total, with two on each Saturday)
- **Website:** www.cththeatre.org
- **Directed by:** Scott Usher
- **Producer Contact Info:** Shannon Millington (517) 548-5091, or cell (517) 294-1930

The Community Theatre of Howell (CTH) announces auditions for the fall musical, *The Wizard of Oz*. This classic musical tells the story of a young Kansas girl named Dorothy who dreams of what life is like “Over the Rainbow.” After a cyclone hits her farmhouse, she finds herself lost in Oz. There, she befriends many fascinating characters. With their help, she struggles to find her way back home and battles the evil forces of the Wicked Witch of the West.

This musical offers various roles for ages six thru adult. Character descriptions are available on the CTH website: www.cththeatre.org. The audition schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, 8/14/07 - Audition Dance Workshop (non- mandatory): Learn chorus & principal character audition dances
7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – children 1st – 8th grade

8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – high school age and adults

Thursday, 8/16/07 and Friday, 8/17/07 – High school age and adults (including all principal leads and Featured Dancers)

Thursday – 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – registration and learn the audition dance (No auditionees will be accepted after 8:30 p.m.)

Thursday – 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – Featured Dancers learn their audition dance/Featured Dancers audition

Thursday – 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. – vocal and dance auditions

Friday 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. – reading auditions

Saturday, 8/18/07 – Children ages 1st through 8th grade (including those with solo lines and spoken dialogue)

Saturday 8:30 a.m. to noon – children 1st through 4th grade (No auditionees will be accepted after 10:30 a.m.)

Saturday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 – children 5th through 8th grade (No auditionees will be accepted after 3:00 p.m.)

Saturday 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – callbacks for all ages (*if necessary*)

REHEARSALS BEGIN AUGUST 20, 2007 and run through November 8, 2007, usually beginning at 6:30 p.m. and ending at 9:30 p.m., with some Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: All auditions/dance workshop will be held at the Howell High School Freshman Campus, 1400 W Grand River, Howell

HOW: The audition form may be downloaded from the CTH website: www.cththeatre.org, and completed in advance. Please bring a small photo, if you have one. **Also, bring your calendar and all conflicts from August 20, 2007 – November 18, 2007.**

HOW TO PREPARE: You may check out a script and/or music from the show in advance by contacting the producer, Shannon Millington, at (517) 548-5091, or cell (517) 294-1930. Scripts may be kept for one week. A \$20 refundable script deposit is required, which will be returned when the script is returned in a timely manner.

WHO CAN AUDITION: All CTH auditions are OPEN to everyone! You do not have to be a CTH member to audition, but if you are cast, membership is mandatory. And, while experience may be helpful, the Community Theatre of Howell does not require same.

Cast list will be posted Sunday, August 19, 2007, by 6:00pm, on the backstage theatre door and on the CTH website - www.cththeatre.org

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