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**CALLING ALL VISUAL ARTISTS!!
CTG WANTS YOU TO CREATE A ONE-OF-A-KIND DIRECTOR'S CHAIR
IN HONOR OF OSCAR NIGHT® AMERICA**

Ten artists will create Academy Award®-themed director's chairs to be auctioned off at the Community Theatre of Greensboro's Oscar Night® party on February 26, 2012

Deadline for entering: January 31, 2012

Greensboro, N.C., January 18, 2012 – To ensure that the local artistic community takes part in the excitement and glamour of Oscar Night®, the Community Theatre of Greensboro (CTG) is running a contest for artists ages 10 and older.

As part of its Oscar Night America event – the only Triad party officially sanctioned by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences – CTG will auction off 10 one-of-a-kind, 24" high director's chairs decorated by local artists. Each chair will feature an Oscar®-winning picture, actor, actress, or song from the first 83 years of the Academy Awards.

To be considered, artists should download an entry form at www.ctgso.org or pick one up at CTG's office on the third floor of the Greensboro Cultural Center, 200 North Davie Street, in downtown Greensboro. Completed entry forms will include:

- contact information for the artist;
- the name of the Best Picture, Best Actor/ Actress in a Leading Role, or Best Song to be featured on the director's chair;
- a paragraph outlining the artist's concept; and
- a drawing of the proposed director's chair (artists may decorate the front and back of the chair as well as the seat).

All entries must be received in CTG's office no later than 5 pm on Tuesday, January 31, 2012. Artists who submit the winning entries will be notified by noon on February 2. The completed chairs will be due in CTG's office by 5 pm on Friday, February 17, so they can be auctioned off to underwrite CTG's outreach programs during CTG's Oscar Night party at the O. Henry Hotel at 6 pm on February 26.

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CTG's Oscar Night® Director's Chair Contest
January 18, 2012

CTG will provide director's chairs with black frames and white canvas seats and backs to the artists who submit the winning entries. The chair backs (which may be decorated on both sides) are 20" wide x 6" high; the seats are 18" wide x 16" deep.

The winning artists and their finished director's chairs will be featured on CTG's website at www.ctgso.org. The artists will receive a prize package including gift cards to local businesses.

Last year, CTG ran a similar contest for artists, who created Academy Award-themed reusable canvas tote bags. In 2011, artists of all ages and backgrounds participated; the bags they designed raised more than a thousand dollars for CTG's outreach programs.

"We're thrilled to be able to include visual artists again in our Oscar Night celebration," said Mitchel Sommers, CTG's Executive Director. "In addition to the talented performers who participate on-stage with CTG, we have so many incredible visual artists in our community. And here's a chance for them to be part of the glamour and excitement of the Academy Awards."

Artists can find the lists of Best Picture, Best Actor, Best Actress, and Best Song winners incorporated into the Director's Chair Design Contest entry form.

The 84th Academy Awards will be broadcast locally by ABC-45 on Sunday, February 26, 2012. The pre-show/red carpet arrivals will be featured at 7 pm, with the awards presentation starting at 8:30 pm.

Tickets to CTG's black-tie Oscar Night Gala at the O. Henry are \$100/person, \$175/couple, or \$650/table of eight. The award-winning Green Valley Grill will provide dinner. To purchase tickets, call (336) 333-7470, x206.

About the Community Theatre of Greensboro (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.* Our goal is to help everyone in our community share in the excitement of participating in theatre – as actors, backstage crew, or audience members. We cherish diversity; non-traditional casting is a priority for us.