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**CALLING ALL VISUAL ARTISTS!!
CTG WANTS YOU TO CREATE A ONE-OF-A-KIND DENIM JACKET
IN HONOR OF OSCAR NIGHT® AMERICA**

*Ten artists will create "Best Picture"-themed jackets to be auctioned off at the
Community Theatre of Greensboro's Oscar Night® event on March 7, 2010*

Deadline for entering: February 1, 2010

Greensboro, NC, January 18, 2010 – 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 all 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 denim jackets decorated by local artists. Each jacket will feature a "Best Picture" winner from the first 81 years of the Academy Awards.

To be considered, artists should download an entry form at http://www.ctgso.org/current/documents/01-19-10ONAJacketentry_v4.pdf 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 winner to be featured;
- a paragraph outlining their concept; and
- a drawing of the proposed jacket (front and back).

Artists may submit multiple entries.

All entries must be received in CTG's office no later than 5 pm on Monday, February 1, 2010. Artists who submit the winning entries will be notified by noon on February 5. The completed jackets will be due in CTG's office by 5 pm on Friday, February 26, 2010.

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CTG will provide denim jackets (donated by VF Corporation) to the artists who submit the winning entries.

The winning artists and their jackets will be featured on CTG's website at www.ctgso.org. The artists also receive a ticket to attend CTG's Oscar Night America black-tie gala at Revolution Mill Studios at 7 pm on Sunday, March 7, 2010, when the jackets will be auctioned off to underwrite CTG's community initiatives.

"We're thrilled to be able to include visual artists in this year's Oscar Night celebration," said Mitchel Sommers, CTG's Executive Director. "In addition to the talented performers we are privileged to work with at CTG, we have so many talented visual artists in our community. And here's a chance for them to be part of the glamour and excitement of the Academy Awards®."

For a list of Best Picture Winners, please visit:

<http://www.oscars.org/awards/academyawards/oscarlegacy/bestpictures/>

The 82nd Academy Awards will be broadcast locally by ABC45 on Sunday, March 7, 2010. The red-carpet arrivals will be featured at 8 pm, with the awards presentation starting at 8:30 pm.

Tickets to CTG's black-tie Oscar Night Gala are \$75/each and may be purchased by calling (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.