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**TRIAD'S ONLY OSCAR NIGHT® AMERICA PARTY
TO BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY THEATRE OF GREENSBORO**

*CTG invites movie-lovers to "walk the red carpet"
at Revolution Mill Studios on March 7, 2010*

Greensboro, NC, January 18, 2010 – The excitement and glamour of Hollywood are coming to the Triad on Oscar Night! Residents of the Triad can experience all the thrills and surprises of the 82nd Academy Awards® on Sunday, March 7, 2010, at the Triad's own Oscar Night America party.

The Triad event is one of only 50 official parties sanctioned by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences that will be held around the country on Oscar Night. Each of these 50 events is hosted by, and benefits, a local charity.

"Especially in these difficult financial times, supporting local charities is essential. We're very happy that Oscar Night America serves as a successful, and fun, way for people around the country to help make a difference," said Academy Executive Director Bruce Davis.

Benefiting the Community Theatre of Greensboro (CTG) for the second straight year, the Triad's Oscar Night celebration will be held at Revolution Mill Studios at 1000 Revolution Mill Drive in Greensboro. The black-tie Gala will begin at 7 pm; dinner will be provided by Exclamations! Catering, which is also serving as a sponsor for the event. Tickets are \$75/each and may be purchased by calling CTG at (336) 333-7470, x206.

Thanks to ABC45, the Triad affiliate of the ABC Television Network, which broadcasts the Academy Awards presentation, attendees will watch the Academy Awards telecast on four huge, flat-screen monitors positioned strategically throughout the event center at Revolution Mill Studios.

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This is the 17th year that the Academy and ABC have cooperated with local charities to support official Oscar Night viewing parties across the country. Last year, official Oscar Night America parties raised more than \$3 million in 52 cities. All money raised stays in the local community.

Setting the Oscar Night America party apart from any other event in the Triad, the Academy will provide guests with the same official program that is distributed to attendees at the live Oscar® presentation at the Kodak Theatre at Hollywood & Highland Center® in Hollywood. Copies of the official 82nd Academy Awards commemorative poster will give guests the feeling that they are part of the most glamorous awards program in the world.

Dressed in their finest, Triad Oscar Night guests may feel like stars themselves as they:

- Walk the red carpet through a throng of photographers, reporters, and autograph-seekers;
- Have photographs taken with celebrities of yesterday and today;
- Enjoy performances by CTG actors and TRIAD IDOLS;
- Bid on fantastic silent and live auction items, including movie memorabilia, event tickets, trips, and denim jackets decorated by local artists in celebration of former Best Picture winners; and
- Witness all the surprises and glamour of the Academy Awards telecast!

“The Academy Awards is one of the most exciting annual events worldwide,” said Mitchel Sommers, CTG’s Executive Director. “When our guests attend CTG’s Oscar Night America celebration, they will really feel like they are on the A-list. All of us at CTG are grateful to the Academy for allowing us to be part of the official Oscar celebration, and we can’t wait to celebrate with the Triad movie-, theatre-, and arts-lovers who will join us for this amazing evening featuring the best of Hollywood and the best of CTG.”

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.