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To: Older/Advanced Students at Center Stage

We want to keep our wonderfully talented older students at Center Stage! The growth and professional standard of our performing arts school depends on you. The more of you that continue through your late middle and high school years, the more enjoyable and productive it will be for everyone AND you will continue to be terrific models for our younger students.

Here are some **new opportunities** for our older/advanced students:

- We will be performing “**Amahl and the Night Visitors,**” an opera by Gian-Carlo Menotti made for television in the 1950’s, at the Littleton High School Performing Arts Center in December. We need teens (and adults - tell your parents!) for a **Shepherd’s Chorus**, and also 3 male (changed voices) singers for the roles of the **3 Kings**.
- **Teen Vocal Ensemble:** This group of 16 will be an older, more advanced chorus (ages 14+ or, 8<sup>th</sup> graders previously in Singers) similar to the Center Stage Singers. Repertoire will include Broadway, Holiday, Pop and Classical, most often in 2-3 part harmony. Will rehearse Wednesdays 7:15 - 8:15.
- **Professional Tracks:**  
Singers: Students enrolled in the combination of a 30 minute private lesson, Singers or Teen Ensemble and the Show will be offered any additional beginning/intermediate classes at no extra charge.  
Dancers: Any dance classes beyond your first 4 per session are free of charge.  
**The more classes/performing opportunities you have at Center Stage, the more accomplished you will become. These professional tracks will culminate in the formation of a “Company” (an auditioned performance/traveling troupe) for students age 12+ in 2010,**
- **VOLUNTEER:**  
Help out with our Little Thespian or lower level dance or Triple Threat classes: every 2 hours of help earns a credit for one 45 minute class for yourself. Your volunteer time is **on-the-job-training for future teaching opportunities at Center Stage!**  
Volunteer for the Stage Crew, Costumes, or Scenery for our shows!  
Join a Committee of parents and students to plan future programs at Center Stage, such as the Singers project to connect with a chorus overseas...we need your ideas!!
- **As always,** students age 13 - 18 are welcomed in any of our classes and performance groups. A minimum of 3 can form any class requested!
- **Contact Tish ([tishkilgore@yahoo.com](mailto:tishkilgore@yahoo.com)) if you need more info about auditions, volunteering or programs.**