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**HERSHEY AREA PLAYHOUSE ANNOUNCES AUDITIONS  
FOR *THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER***

HERSHEY, Pennsylvania—September 3, 2009 – This holiday season, Hershey Area Playhouse will present the modern classic, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. Auditions for this show will be held on Sunday, September 27, 2009 and Monday, September 28 at 7:00 pm each evening at the theatre on the campus of Country Meadows in Hershey.

The director, Beth Dunham, is looking for children and adults of ALL ages to bring this heartwarming holiday tale to life. Auditioners should bring a recent photo/headshot and a theatrical resume (if available). Auditions will consist of readings from the script, and auditioners are strongly encouraged to have read the book prior to auditioning to become familiar with the characters. This story will require several strong elementary and middle school-aged children to play some of the central characters as well as a seasoned woman (stage age 30s - 40s) to play the role of the mother. Several men are also needed as well. Younger children are also encouraged to audition for the roles of the Sunday School kids.

Audition forms can be downloaded from [HersheyAreaPlayhouse.com](http://HersheyAreaPlayhouse.com). Auditions will be held at Hershey Area Playhouse at Country Meadows, located

on Sand Hill Road at Cherry Drive in Hershey. The show will open on Thursday, December 3, 2009 and run through Sunday, December 13, 2009. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Dunham, the director, at 717.533.1366 or [dbcdunham@comcast.net](mailto:dbcdunham@comcast.net).

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Since its inception in 1999, Hershey Area Playhouse has staged 34 productions at numerous venues around the Hershey area. In April 2007, the Playhouse opened its new permanent home, Hershey Area Playhouse at Country Meadows.