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**Clarence Brown Theatre
to Auction Stained Glass Art by Susan Watson**

The Clarence Brown Theatre will auction several stained glass works of art created by Susan Watson to raise funds to support the theatre program throughout its 2010-2011 season.

Inspired by the images designed by CBT graphic artist, Julie Summers, Watson is creating a stained glass piece for each production in the theatre's new season: *Amadeus*, *Woyzeck*, *The Story of Opal*, *A Christmas Carol*, *It's a Wonderful Life: A Radio Play*, *Phaedra*, and *The Music Man*.

"Working with Julie Summers and others at CBT has been a great collaboration." Watson said. "The challenge for me is taking Julie's wonderful artwork and transferring it into a glass work of art. I am using overlay and engraving techniques to give each piece a special touch."

After 20 years as Dollywood's resident Stained Glass Mastercraftsman, Watson now appears at the park as a Special Guest Artist where she demonstrates glass cutting and soldering skills to visitors. Her next appearance at Dollywood will be August 9 and 10, where she will display the first completed panels for the theatre project. Watson also leads workshops at the Knoxville Museum of Art and the Knoxville Arts and Fine Crafts Center. Many years ago the artist began to create and donate church windows in Mexico, Africa, Belize and Guatemala.

Proceeds from the sales of the eight pieces will help the CBT to continue to provide the high level of quality theater the community has come to expect.

Watson said she is honored to be a part of this exciting project. "I get great joy from sharing my glass talent to help raise funds for the performing arts here in Knoxville. For me, it's all about being creative and sharing the gifts that we have with others."

The silent auction will be posted on the CBT website August 23. Bidding will begin on opening night of each production with daily updates posted online at 10 a.m. The winners will be announced the day after each production closes. Bidders can participate by bidding online at www.clarencebrowntheatre.com, calling the Box Office at 974-5161, or filling out bid in the lobby of the CBT theatre. #####