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GOODSPEED



A musical based on the Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

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Godspell

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Music and Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz.

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Director's Notes

Godspell is the dramatization of the parables of Jesus as told in the Gospel according to Saint Matthew. The drama and the music are to be perceived as a celebration and a joyful event. The time and place of Godspell could be anytime and anywhere.

The cast in clown costumes and whiteface is a theatrical method of heightening the Good News and Happiness that the Word brings. During the finale as the make-up is removed, the true meaning of the celebration is revealed.

This all sounds like pretty heavy stuff, but don't get the wrong idea. Godspell is meant to free our thoughts and lighten our burdens -- not weigh us down. It is full of fun, powerful music and many theatrical tricks of the trade, from line dancing to vaudeville. It includes charades, dancing, slapstick and puppetry to tell its stories. The only thing missing is a good old-fashioned pre-in-the-face, but the cost of meringue taxed our budget!

Please leave your inhibitions at the door! If you feel like clapping your hands, do it! If you feel like laughing, go ahead and laugh out loud! If you feel like crying, don't hold back the tears! But remember, any tears we may cause you to shed should be tears of joy.

So tap your feet to the music or join in and sing along, if you like; but most of all, let yourself go and be filled with the Spirit that is Godspell.

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(alphabetical order)

Steve Betz

Jim Bisbey

Kathryn Blshey

Jimmy Dean

Scott Faulkner

Kristen Harrigan

Al Ites

Grace Leverenz

John Lundstrom

Sarah Parker

Jo Reid

Randy Reid

Karen Rose

Paul Ruby

Musicians

Piano Accompanists

Guitarist

Bass Guitarist

Percussionist

Georgene Raver

Chris Stone

Jeff Milligan

Adam Dickinson

Bob Smith

GODSPELL
Musical Numbers

ACT I

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord	Scott
Save the People	Randy
Day by Day	Kathryn
Learn Your Lessons Well (Part I and II)	Grace and Jo
Bless the Lord	Kristen
All for the Best	Randy and Scott
All Good Gifts	Steve
Light of the World	Chorus

ACT II

Learn Your Lessons Well (Reprise)	Grace and Jo
Turn Back, Old Man	Karen
Alas for You	Randy
By My Side	Kristen and Kathryn
We Beseech Thee	Randy
Day by Day (Reprise)	Chorus
On the Willows	Paul
Day by Day	Chorus

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Biographical Sketches

STEVE BETZ - You may recognize Steve as the former singing Tin Man in the *Wizard of Oz*. Then again, without a silver face and an oil can, you may only recognize his voice. And since *Godspell* has him in whiteface, you may wonder if you could ever recognize his real face. Steve has sung in many places, including the Des Moines Playhouse. He has also done some dancing, and for *Godspell* he is growing up as a "good seed." Steve works in research at Pioneer Hi-Bred, is in an MBA program at Drake, works at the North End Diner, and is the proud owner of Johanna, a recent graduate of dog obedience school.

JIM BISBEY - Jim became an ACT and ACT II regular by osmosis .. wife Kathryn- and he gives Kathryn all the credit for his fame! They usually come as an unmatched set. Jim works in insurance sales and enjoys motorcycling, fishing and working around home, when he has a chance to be there! We're awfully glad Jim let Kathryn show him the way to ACTI



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KATHRYN BISBEY - Kathryn has a degree in music theater and dance, has numerous theatrical credits to her name and is gifted with a beautiful voice. She can do it all -- sing, dance, direct, act -- and does! Since her arrival in Ankeny, she has participated in most ACT productions and sings in ACT II. She is also on the ACT Board of Directors. When not involved with ACT and ACT II, Kathryn works full time in marketing at KVL. Other than that, she does a lot of church music activities, rollerblades, and enjoys fishing and sports. Spare time is a foreign concept to Kathryn.

JIMMY DEAN - Jimmy is a very serious kind of guy (NOT!) and is trying hard to become a comic -- actually, he really is a "former" clown. He's been in many ACT shows and keeps everyone laughing. Jimmy would rather be fishing, but he's been so busy practicing his footwork for *Godspell* that he just can't make it! Every theater should have its own "jimmy dean."

SCOTT FAULKNER - If you have a sick pet, call Scott. If you need a tenor, an actor or director, call Scott. He can do it all. In the past decade

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he has had singing and acting leads in most ACT musicals. He has directed some and supported the rest. He has also performed on most stages in Polk County. Scott recently portrayed Jesus Christ in an Easter Cantata in Ankeny. His hobbies include science fiction reading, motorcycles, and Leslie and some young ones at home.

KRISTEN HARRIGAN - Kris must have been born behind the stage curtains because she is perfectly at home on the stage. She was a "hot shot" in *Annie Oakley*, the good witch in *The Wizard of Oz* and a mother of ten in *Carousel*. Kris was in a production of *Godspell* when she was in the sixth grade because her mom was the choreographer. Kris works in human resources at the Central Companies and is married to P.J. They are expecting their first baby later this year.

AL ITES - Al likes to fish, but ACT was the lucky one to hook Big Al, and hopefully Al is hooked on ACT. He's talented, responsible, and a pleasure

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to work with. He was the villain in this winter's Dinner Theater. He also sings in ACT II. Al works at Central Service and Supply as the general manager. His hobbies include skeet shooting, hunting and rehearsals for whatever performance is underway.

GRACE LEVERENZ - Being producer for an ACT production means a lot of "go-fering" -- go fer this, go fer that! Such is Grace's forte, but ACT has gradually gotten her to be on stage little by little - she stole the show in her cameo appearance as the cleaning woman in *I Remember Mama*, and now she's singing and dancing in *Godspell*. Amazing (or is it Crazy) Grace has been known to do some wild things - like flying an airplane, riding motorcycles, playing football or digging in the dirt. Now, however, she claims she's too old for all "that fun stuff."

JOHN "SWEDE" LUNDSTROM - Using terms from the Jackie Gleason era, Swede is a "BT0" - Big Time Operator. Real estate is his game, but



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Swede is an active participant in the civic chores of building Ankeny. He was very involved in the acquisition of ACT's new home (soon to be inhabited). Swede has been in many ACT productions and is also in ACT II. He says the only reason he was asked to be in *Godspell* was because he can carry Jo on his shoulders. (How difficult can that be?) His dream is to make ACT a major entertainment entity for Ankeny.

SARAH PARKER - Sarah is a multi-talented high school senior who loves to participate in musical productions. She sings, acts and dances with apparent ease and enjoyment. She has been a real asset for ACT and we hope she sticks around for a long time. Sarah is an honor student, does sign language and needlepoint, and has won awards for her creative writing.

JO REID - Small but mighty, Jo has a lot of courage to direct, act and choreograph a show as detailed as *Godspell*. What a challenge! Jo also

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directed *Annie Get Your Gun*, *Carousel* and the *Wizard of Oz*, as well as several dramatic plays. According to Jo, her main claim to fame is being the co-producer of two children - Randy and Chris. Her husband Jerry does lights and sounds for many ACT shows, including this one. Daughter Kellie remains a non-theater holdout. Jo also directs ACT II, the musical arm of Ankeny Community Theatre, and is a former president of the ACT Board of Directors.

RANDY REID - Randy started singing as an angel in church at age eight and has been singing ever since. He studied music at Luther College, has done recitals, has sung in operas and recently did a solo in Mozart's *Requiem* for a professional group in Chicago. Randy has been wanting to do *Godspell* since he was ten years old. His family is his supporting cast, and no wonder - Randy is a talented performer. He is presently taking a break from music and working with computers in Des Moines.

KAREN ROSE - Karen grew up on a farm near Bondurant with two teasing brothers and a pet pig Arnold who taught her to oink. That's how she won the part of lead pig in *Godspell* - be sure to listen for her. She has been in several ACT musical productions and continues to enjoy acting and singing. Her most famous role was in the love scenes in *The Forum*. She claims that Julliard taught her everything she knows. Karen works for PDI when she's not on stage.

PAUL RUBY - Paul is a drawing card for ACT. He's been in several musicals and can always be counted on to learn his lines -- at the very last second! He thrills audiences with his vocal renditions and his charismatic personality makes life fun for his fellow cast members. His cameo appearance in *Godspell* is no exception. Paul teaches high school, operates a small business, collects old books, fiddles with several instruments and plays the harmonica with his nose.

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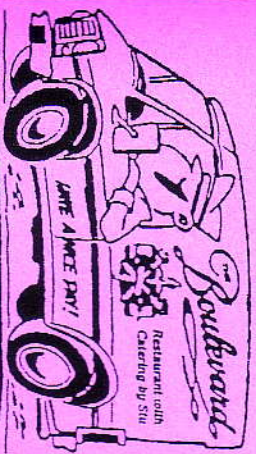
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Musicians

GEORGENE RAVEN - Georgene is the organist for her church, plays for vocal groups and sings like a songbird. She is a real "pro" at all she does. She has accompanied several musicals in ACT's history, such as *Annie Get Your Gun* and *Guys and Dolls*. Her contributions to ACT have been significant and very much appreciated. Her husband and two children must know a lot about music by now! Georgene works as a legal secretary.

CHRISTINE STONE - Chris is a very energetic and accomplished pianist. She accompanies several vocal groups in her church and co-directs the youth choir. She also spends many hours playing piano for the middle school music activities. In her spare time, Chris gives piano lessons and cares for her family. Chris' debut with ACT was *The Wizard of Oz*. ACT is very thankful to have Chris involved with *Godspell*.

JEFF MILLIGAN - Jeff plays a mean guitar and learned *Godspell* music by listening and playing along with the tape. He is a member of his church choir and played with the Stained Glass Inspiration, an instrumental group.

ADAM DICKINSON - Adam is a music "nut" who plays many instruments. The bass guitar is a new experience for him, but he is an eager learner and doing a fine job. His mother, Kathy, is an ACT veteran and Adam has some past on-stage experience. Thanks to Adam for his enthusiasm.

BOB SMITH - Bob is an old pro on the drums. He owns and operates his own drum store! He also has a car "fix-it" business and keeps busy drumming with a group of entertainers. Thanks to Bob for his help with *Godspell*.



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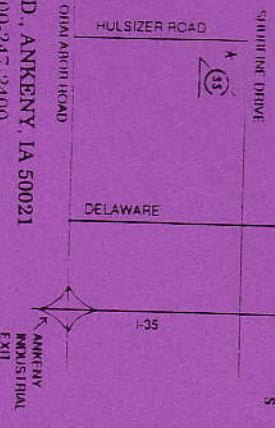
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You can become a part of this organization through one or more of several avenues. Audition announcements for all productions are posted in the *Press Citizen*, *Ankeny Today* and the *Datebook*. If you would like to act, direct, produce or be involved in promotion or back stage activities with any of our productions, we welcome your willingness! Ankeny offers a tremendous opportunity for talented people and we would like to tap your talents by encouraging you to participate.

ACT also has a singing group called ACT II. This group of singers performs for community affairs, as requested. They are regulars at Summerfest, the State Fair and Christmas programs.

If you would like to know more about either Ankeny Community Theatre or ACT II, please call one of the following Directors of the ACT Board.

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