

GODSPELL



By John Michael Tebelak
Lyrics and Music by Stephen Schwartz

Ankeny Community Theatre

March 2 - 18, 2007



ACT Celebrates Silver Anniversary

Twenty-five years ago, Pastor Fred Lewis and some of his First United Methodist congregation decided to put their acting skills to use. From that group, Ankeny Community Theatre was born. Since then it has been a venue for a long list of local actors, directors, stage crews and volunteers to use their talents to provide entertainment to the Ankeny area. Hundreds of dedicated volunteers have donated countless hours over the past 25 years to keep ACT a part of the community.

For years, the group performed shows in many locations around Ankeny including Ankeny High School, Neveln Center, Lakeside Center and the old movie theater building on West 1st Street. In 1993, with the help of Denny Elwell, ACT moved into a place it could call home. Sweat and many hours converted the empty space into a community theater. ACT has expanded its season from one to two shows a year to five, and sometimes even six. Children's theater and educational opportunities have been a vital part of ACT since 2004.

Ankeny Community Theatre would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to its loyal audiences, supporters and business partners. Without their support, ACT would not be celebrating its 25th anniversary. With your continued support, ACT looks forward to providing live theater to Ankeny for another 25 years.

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Godspell

March 2 - 18

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April 27 - May 13

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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 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 are 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.

Jo Reid, Director



GODSPELL

Act I

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord	Kent
Save the People	John
Day by Day	Holly
Learn Your Lessons Well	Lisa
Bless the Lord	Kathryn
All For the Best	Kent and John
All Good Gifts	Erik
Light of the World	Doug, Holly and Cast

Act II

Learn Your Lessons Well (Reprise)	Lisa
Turn Back, Old Man	Anne and John
Alas for You	John
By My Side	Amanda and Mike
We Beseech Thee	Erik
Day by Day (Reprise)	Holly and Cast
On the Willows*	Guest Soloists

Guest Soloists*

Kevin Lind
Greg Millar
Kevin Spire
Ed Griffith

CAST

(in alphabetical order)

Joyce Allen
Amanda Banks
Michael Banks
Jim Bisbey
Kathryn Bisbey
Doug Chew
Ane Claes
John Claes
Lisa DeWaard
Erik Ericksen
Holly Paterson
Kent Whitmore

Playgrounds Keepers/
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Thomas “Opie” Moore

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MUSICIANS

Brenda McConahay, Keyboard
Chris Fordyce, Bass Guitar
Rex Howell, Percussion
Drew Douglass, Guitar

PRODUCTION CREW

Director	Jo Reid
Music Director	Brenda McConahay
Assistant to the Director	Grace Leverenz
Set Design and Construction	Jerry Reid Dick Wilson
Lighting and Sound Design	Harold Mosier & Polly Taylor
Properties	Shelley Blok
Costumes	Cast
Hair & Make-up	Katherine Claes & cast
House Manager	Jerry Reid
Refreshments	Bev Heldt & Kent Whitmore
Playbill	Lynn Arterburn
Marketing	Dawn Hockemeyer, Jolene Swartz & Lynn Arterburn

SPECIAL APPRECIATION

Keith Pederson - Prologue
Jan Price - **“Tie-dying” the set**
Sarah Reid - **Signing “Day by Day”**

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JOYCE ALLEN - Joyce returns to ACT after appearing in *It's a Wonderful Life*. She has performed in church musicals, at The Ingersoll, Salisbury House, Drama Workshop and the Ankeny Elks Lodge. Her favorite hobby is acting! Other hobbies include bicycling, jogging, aerobics, crafts and creative writing for the Ankeny Register. Joyce also works in the health care field. She credits her son and significant other for planning their lives around her busy schedules.

AMANDA BANKS - Amanda is making her debut at ACT and enjoying singing and dancing in *Godspell* with her father. They are both theater lovers and karaoke participants. Amanda is a sophomore theater major at Grandview College. She has directed a one-act play and performed in numerous others. She has also been active in the Iowa Fringe Festival.

MICHAEL BANKS - Michael is a Des Moines native and has been on many stages in the area. He has been the Baron in *Sound of Music*, Billy Bones in *Treasure Island*, Grandpa Joe in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. He also sings in his church choir and with the Glastonbury Revelers. Mike and his daughter have been an asset to ACT. Mike works at KDSM.

JIM BISBEY - Jim does theater with a little arm-twisting from Kathryn. He is a multi-talented man with a great attitude. His debut with ACT was in *The Wizard of Oz* as a **'green guard'**. Jim prefers being in the light and sound booth. **Jim and Kathryn's family include Sir Ramsey and Princess Jasmine, the family cats.**

KATHRYN BISBEY - Everyone should recognize the painted face of Kathryn as the one and same girl that has done *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Messuggah Nuns*, *Nunsense*, and the recent *Schoolhouse Rock* musicals as well as numerous other dramas on the ACT stage. She also sings at the local Methodist Church and directs their Worship Band. She and husband Jim have done *Godspell* **before, but after Jim's accident they are especially thankful and blessed to be doing this show again.**

DOUG CHEW - Doug is a true Thespian! *Godspell* is his fourth show with ACT in the past year. Other activities include Thresholds, Des Moines Concert Singers, Living History Farms, and **Iowa Radio Reading Information Service. He's married, has two grown sons and a demanding cat. Doug works for Yellow Transportation in Customer Service.**

ANNE CLAES - **Anne's first role for ACT was Mrs. Webb in the 1994 production of *Our Town*, followed by Violet in *It's a Wonderful Life*.** She has performed in several community theaters in eastern Iowa – Iowa City, Cedar Rapids and Washington, her hometown. Anne teaches preschool at Little Friends and is a kickboxing instructor at Jacobs Martial Arts. Anne lives in Johnston with husband John and nine-year-old daughter Katherine.

JOHN CLAES - John is delighted for the opportunity to reprise his favorite role of Jesus in *Godspell*, which he played in 1979 at LaSalle High School in Cedar Rapids. He also appeared on various other stages in Cedar Rapids. At ACT John has played a lead roles in *It's a Wonderful Life* and *Then There Were None*. John is on the ACT Board of Directors and has performed in ACT II. He and Anne enjoy their daughter who is helping *Godspell* with the makeup artwork.

LISA DE WAARD - Lisa is a true theater-lover and has visited Broadway (NYC) five times. Locally, Lisa has been in numerous shows with various theaters in Des Moines and Ames. She sings, does percussion gigs, and has been trained to speak in several **dialects. Lisa loves "doing" karaoke. She works for MetLife. Lisa graduated from ISU in 2000.**

ERIK ERIKSEN - Erik appears in *Godspell* following a seven-year **hiatus from ACT. In 1981 he played in ACT's inaugural production of *You Can't Take It With You*, and then did the next ten ACT shows.** His most memorable roles were Elwood P. Dowd in *Harvey* and Nicely-Nicely in *Guys and Dolls*. After 40 years in Iowa education, Erik, now semi-retired, and his wife Jolene live on a **small acreage by Pleasant Hill. Erik claims it's 'kinda' good to be back home, and *Godspell* makes for a welcome-home party.**

HOLLY PATERSON - *Godspell* is Holly's first experience in community theater and she hopes to continue. She is enjoying the cast and her role of singing and dancing. Previously Holly was involved in many high school dramatics, co-directed a play, and was a make-up mistress. Holly is the teacher for two-year-olds at the Easter Seals Child Development Center. She also **"runs" a weekend karaoke show. Holly's family live in Wisconsin** and her older brother is out-to-sea in the Navy.

KENT WHITMORE - Kent has been a loyal and enthusiastic member of ACT. It is no problem for Kent to tackle a singing, dancing or comedian role, and he does it with pizzazz! During his high school years Kent had assorted training in singing groups and theatrical productions. In addition, Kent has performed at the Ingersoll, Shoestring Productions, church plays and presently at the Ankeny Elks Lodge where they are in rehearsal for *Radio, Razzle-Dazzle*.

BRENDA McCONAHAY - Brenda, our keyboard specialist, is a food and nutrition teacher at Lincoln High in Des Moines by day, and a well known musician by night! She has accompanied many musicals and the B&B cabaret singers. She also job shares as church musician at New Hope Methodist. During *Godspell* Brenda has been patient, helpful, punctual, fun and all-around good sport. Her excitement for the year is becoming a grandmother for the first time, complements of her son and wife. She also has a live-in daughter who attends ISU. Thanks to Brenda for making *Godspell* a winner.

JO REID - Small, but mighty still fits Jo Reid as a dramatic and dynamic director. Jo and her retired husband, Jerry Leigh, make a good team at ACT. Jo has multiple credits for previous choreography, music and drama directing, but she will never retire from her favorite place – **in the theater. She dots the "I's"** and is a stickler for perfection. In their other life, Jo and Jerry dote on their children and grandchildren.

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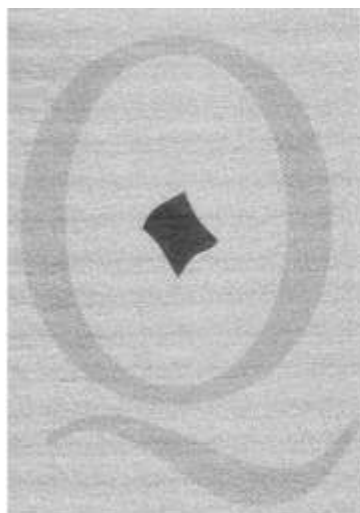
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