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ST. JOHN'S THEATRE PRESENTS

GODSPELL



St. John's College High School Theatre

GODSPELL

**Conceived and Originally Directed by
JOHN-MICHAEL TEBELAK**

**Music and New Lyrics by
STEPHEN SCHWARTZ**

**Originally Produced on the New York Stage by
EDGAR LANSBURY, STUART DUNCAN, & JOSEPH BERUH**

ADRIAN CABRERA as Jesus

ANTHONYHOUSE as Judas/John the Baptist

featuring

**RENE CATHELINEAUD LEONARDO DE LUDE GRACE HARVEY MEREDITH
JONES**

SAMPERKINS WREN PETERSEN CLAIRE SLIGH SOPHIA ZANGER

with

**ADDIE BREITENBACH ZOE BROWN MCKENZIE ENNIS RICHARD JOHNS II
ANA LUCIA OBERMEIER NORA MANYIN MCKENNA MERZ JUSTIN MISSAR**

CONNOR RODRIGUEZ QUINLAN SHATTUCK ISABELLA VOSELLER

**Music Director
KATE FERNANDEZ**

**Director
CHRISTIE GRAHAM**

**Choreographer
CAROLINE GRAHAM**

**Technical Director/Scenic Designer
JAMES RAYMOND**

**Lighting Designer
JAY BROADNAX**

**Assistant Director
KARIS FRANCIS**

**Stage Manager
ALEXANDER WILSON**

**Assistant Stage Managers
ANA MARIA PALACIOS**

SOFIA GONZALEZ

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CAST

Jesus.....	ADRIAN CABRERA
John the Baptist/Judas.....	ANTHONY HOUSE
George	RENE CATHELINAUD
Nick.....	LEONARDO DE LUDE
Uzo.....	GRACE HARVEY
Morgan.....	MEREDITH JONES **
Celisse.....	SAM PERKINS
Telly.....	WREN PETERSEN
Lindsay.....	CLARIE SLIGH
Anna Maria.....	SOPHIA ZANGER

ENSEMBLE

ADDIE BREITENBACH (Telly u/s); ZOE BROWN (Lindsay u/s); MCKENZIE ENNIS (Morgan u/s); RICHARD JOHNS II (Nick u/s); ANA LUCIA OBERMEIER (Uzo u/s); NORA MANYIN (Celisse u/s); MCKENNA MERZ (Anna Maria u/s); JUSTIN MISSAR; CONNOR RODRIGUEZ (George u/s); QUINLAN SHATTUCK (Judas/John the Baptist u/s); ISABELLA VOSELLER

Please note: the character names are based on the original cast of the 2012 Broadway revival. Godspell traditionally uses the individual actor's names as character names. We use these names now to indicate soloists and understudies but they are not significant to the story of Godspell.

**Dance Captain

There will be a ten minute intermission

The use of recording device, either audio or video, and the taking of photographs either with or without flash, is prohibited. Please turn off cell phones.

MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT I

<i>Tower of Babbie</i>	Company
<i>Prepare Ye</i>	Judas & Company
<i>Save the People</i>	Jesus & Company
<i>Day by Day</i>	Anna Maria & Company
<i>Learn Your Lessons Well</i>	Celisse & Company
<i>Bless the Lord</i>	Lindsay & Company
<i>All for the Best</i>	Jesus, Judas, & Company
<i>All Good Gifts</i>	Telly & Company
<i>Light of the World</i>	George & Company

10 Min Intermission

ACT II

<i>Learn Your Lessons (Reprise)</i>	Jesus, Telly, & Zoe
<i>Turn Back, O Man</i>	Morgan & Company
<i>Alas For You</i>	Jesus
<i>By My Side</i>	Uzo & Company
<i>We Beseech Thee</i>	Nick & Company
<i>Beautiful City</i>	Jesus
<i>On the Willows</i>	Jesus, Judas & Ms. F
<i>Finale</i>	Jesus & Company

Pit Band

Music Director/Conductor: Kate Fernandez

Keyboard: Nate Graham

Keyboard: Caleb Altizer

Guitar: Francis Deausen

Guitar: Johnny Bristol

Percussion: Gabe Fernandez

Bass: Mike Keaney

CREW

Assistant Stage Manager

ANAMARIA PALACIOS

SOFIA GONZALEZ

Stage Manager

ALEXANDER WILSON

Assistant Director

KARIS FRANCIS

Lights

CHRISTIAN RITACCO

AUDREY WILKERSON

CAROLINE HOOD

SOPHIA BOEHM

Sound

BEKS RYAN*

ELI HOOPENGARDNER

Props

JACI MASON-YATES*

ROSE HUGGINS*

ANTHONY RANKIN

DELIA LINSTROM

NICO TORRES-SERRANO

TREY ELLIOTT

XACHARY SKINNER

AMISSA BONENCE

Costumes

DYLAN DEVANEY*

JULIA SWEENEY*

AMISSA BONENCE

ANDREW WEST

ELIZABETH WYSOCKI

LEXI OSSI

MARISOL SKURLA

NATALIA BARRERA

SAVANNAH WOOLARD

Featuring artwork by...

ANAMARIA PALACIOS

LEONARDO DE LUDE

XACHARY SKINNER

Set Crew

ANDREA CICONTE

ISABELLA AMADOR

JOANNA PAGEDAS

JULIANNA DESOUZA

KARA MORELAND

KVITKA MOROZOV

TYLER CESTONE

ZORIANA MOROZOV

Special Thanks to...

Chris Themistos

Jeff Mancabelli

The Men of St. Johns

Clara Obermeier

Staci Mason

Joan Sligh

Dave & Kate Missar

Barbara Brown

Patricia Huggins

Cindy Merz

Sharon Shattuck

Jeanne Vosseller

Kim Harvey

Nancy House

Lynn Johns

Jason Tyler Smith

Bill Graham

* Head of department

SENIOR BIOS

TYLER CESTONE (*Set Crew*): Tyler Cestone is a part of set crew and is excited to finish off his high school career with this production of *Godspell*. He will be attending Northeastern University next year to study Mechanical Engineering and History. A special thanks to his family and friends who've helped support him throughout high school.

LEONARDO DE LUDE (*Nick*): Heya! My name's Leo, a current senior and I'm going to be going to Savannah College of Art and Design! Where I will be studying Sequential Arts and maybe a minor in acting, it's gonna be awesome. I'd like to thank Bash, he was the one who told me to audition for *Clue* last year and since then I've been able to meet so many amazing people and make enough memories to last, not a lifetime, but like a midlife crisis. Also thanks mom and dad and blah blah blah, love you love my brothers and grandma.

KARIS FRANCIS (*Assistant Director*): Karis has been involved in SJC Theatre for the past 2 years, participating in *CLUE*, *High School Musical*, *Peter and the Starcatcher*, and *Godspell*. She has held many positions, including Assistant Stage Manager and Assistant Director. This year, she is also the president of the International Thespian Society. In the fall, she will be attending UCLA, as a major in Theatre - Integrated Studies.

GRACE HARVEY (*Uzo*): Grace Harvey is excited to be performing in her final production with SJC theater! Her previous credits include *Imagination Stage's* productions of *Mary Poppins* (Bert), *The Little Mermaid* (Scuttle), *Mamma Mia* (Featured Vocalist), *The Outsiders* (Sodapop), *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Snout), *How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying* (Smitty), *Bat Boy* (Ned) and *Much Ado About Nothing* (Beatrice); and St. John's productions of (*White*),

and *High School Musical* (Kelsi). She is also a graduate of *Imagination Stage's* Musical Theater Conservatory. Grace enjoys playing guitar, piano, and harmonica (though not all at once) and is a *Cheesecake Factory* enthusiast.

CAROLINE HOOD (*Stage Crew*): Caroline is a senior and Alex Wilson's best (and only) friend. She'd like to thank her fiancé, Catherine Grace, for getting her this far in life. Caroline has not accomplished much, but does march in the regimental band. She's super cool and pretty and everyone here should buy her flowers and Girl Scout cookies.

ANTHONY HOUSE (*Judas/John the Baptist*): Anthony House is so excited to be a part of *Godspell*! He is a senior at St. John's and has performed in SJC's productions of *Peter and the Starcatcher* (Peter), *High School Musical* (Ryan), and ensembles of *Clue*, *A Night on Broadway*, and *Chicago*. *The Free Theatre: 9 to 5* (Franklin Hart), *Footloose* (Cowboy Bob), *Urinetown* (Hot Blades Harry), *Chicago* (Harry), *Pippin* (Chicken). *Wildwood Summer Theatre: The Lightning Thief* (u/s Percy Jackson). At St. John's, he is part of *Advanced Vocal Studies*, *Chamber Choir*, *ITS*, and *Tri-M*. In the fall, he will be studying musical theatre at NYU Tisch. He would like to thank Ms. Graham, Ms. Caroline, and Mrs. Fernandez, as well as the cast and crew for putting on such a wonderful show.

DELIA LINSTROM (*Stage Crew*): My name is Delia Linstrom and this is the second theater production that I have participated in at St. John's. I work as a part of the stage crew and have had experience working with props and set crew. I have enjoyed getting to meet so many amazing people in this program and have made many great memories.

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RICHARD JOHNS II (*Ensemble; Nick u/s*): Richard Johns II is a Senior who is very excited to be performing in his final performance at St. John's College High School. He has previously starred in *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* (9th Grade), *Clue: On Stage!* (11th Grade), *High School Musical* (11th Grade), and *Peter and the Starcatcher* (12 Grade). Richard thanks his loving family and friends for their ongoing support in his creative endeavors and making his high school career better than he could have imagined!

JOANNA PAGEDAS (*Stage Crew*): Joanna Pagedas, who is a member of the Set Crew, is excited to participate in the spring musical, *Godspell*. She is a senior who has been involved in seven productions since her freshman year. She has preformed in many shows, such as *A Night on Broadway* and *Clue* as well as been a long-standing member of the crew taking part in construction and set moving in many shows such as *High School Musical*. Joanna thanks her close friends and family for supporting her and her theatre career throughout these past four years.

CONNOR RODRIGUEZ (*Ensemble; George u/s*): Wasup. I'm Connor. A fun fact about me is that I am color blind. My favorite musical I've been a part of is high school musical. I also really like to preform Shakespeare. At SJC I was involved in the production of *Clue* backstage. I was also on stage for the Saint John's productions a night on Broadway, *High School Musical*, *Peter and the Star catcher*, *Godspell* (duh), and in theory *Chicago*, but then this funny little thingy called social distancing happened. I am currently on my way to attend Tulane in New Orleans. Thank you for attending my show and I hope you enjoy the performance.

JACI MASON-YATES (*Head of Props*): Hi! I'm Jaci and I've been on Tech for SJC Theatre since 2022! I am in props. I am an animal fan and I enjoy all marine creatures and avian ones! I'm a big dog person and I do Improv RPG, NHS, and Eco Club here at SJC. I'm going to Eckerd College next year to study Marine Science and Animal Studies.

CLAIRE SLIGH (*Lindsay*): Claire Sligh is very excited to be a part of *Godspell*, again! She is a senior and has performed in *High School Musical* (Sharpay) at SJC, *Seussical* (Mayzie) and *Godspell* (Lindsay) at Holy Redeemer. She has been a part of St. John's Advanced Vocal Studies, Chamber Choir, and Varsity Volleyball team. She wants to thank Ms. Graham, Ms. Caroline, Mrs. Fernandez, and everyone who helped put this show together!

ALEXANDER WILSON (*Stage Manager*): Alex is a senior as well as the stage manager for *Godspell*. This is his 6th production at St. John's, and the 5th he has stage managed. He is excited to finish the year and his high school career off strong, and excited to pursue his goals in college and beyond.

SOPHIA ZANGER (*Anna Maria*): Hi! Sophia's been performing in musical theatre for 7 years now, and singing since birth. She absolutely loves helping others and genuinely being the support others need. She'll be going to Loyola Chicago next year, majoring in Education. Thank you's to the entire Zanger family for their continued support and love, and Mrs. Fernandez for being the best role model, friend, and teacher anyone could ask for.

CREATIVE TEAM

CHRISTIE GRAHAM (*Director*): Christie Graham has been a theatre educator, director, and performer for many years. In recent years, she has worked with various companies and schools including NextStop Theatre Company, Levine Music, Elizabeth Seton High School, North Star Academy, Toby's Dinner Theatre, and many more. This is Ms. Graham's first year with St. John's and it has been a wonderful experience. She is so beyond proud of the cast and crew of Godspell and all their hard work!!

KATE FERNANDEZ (*Music Director*): Originally from Savannah, GA, Kate Fernandez graduated with a B.S. in Music Education from the University of Wyoming and began her career creating a choral program for The Vanguard Charter School in Colorado. Kate earned a K-12 general music teaching certificate in 2005 and emphasizing "bel canto solfeggio" and incorporating hand-sign solfège into the classroom at any educational level became her focus. She has since ventured into the world of musical theater direction spending four seasons with The Lompoc Youth Theater in southern California and working with the Georgetown Gilbert and Sullivan Society here in Washington, DC. Kate is also proud to be a part of the Choral Arts Society of Washington - frequently collaborating and performing masterworks with major orchestral organizations. Having her start in Catholic elementary school, Kate was delighted to return to Catholic education and foster the vocal program at St. John's serving as Director of Choral Studies for the past nine years and taking the St. John's Advanced Vocal Studies ensemble to multiple elite honors festival locations including Symphony Hall in Chicago and Carnegie Hall in New York City.

CAROLINE GRAHAM (*Choreographer*): Caroline Graham has loved working with this wonderful cast and creative team of Godspell at St. John's! Caroline is an actor in the DC area, and is in her senior year at Catholic University as a Musical Theatre Major. Regional Theatre Credits: Beth in Little Women at logo NextStop Theatre (2023 Helen Hayes Award Nominated for Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Musical); Susan u/s in Tick...Tick...Boom! at Monumental Theatre Co.; Turn Back O' Man in Godspell at the Great Lakes Center for the Arts. Upcoming: Mayzie in Seussical at Keegan Theatre.

JAMES V. RAYMOND (*Scenic Designer*) is currently on the faculty at Shenandoah University's Conservatory in Winchester, VA. James earned an MFA in Scenic Design and Technology at West Virginia University and a Bachelors at DeSales University. James was recently brought on to set dress and source props for the Broadway production of A Strange Loop that performed at the Lyceum Theatre, NY. James designed for Monumental Theatre Company, Pippin, which was nominated with 4 Helen Hayes Awards. He designed The Bridges of Madison County at Shenandoah Summer Music Theatre in 2022, which was nominated for Broadway Regional Awards- Central Virginia for Set Design of a play or musical. James set designed Cabaret in 2020 for Ovation Theatre of Rockville, MD, was nominated for Broadway Regional Awards-DC for Set Design of the Decade (Non-equity). James has worked closely with the late six-time Emmy award-winning Production Designer of Sesame Street, Bob Phillips, as well as two time Tony Award Nominated Broadway Designer Dede Ayite. James has also done carpentry work for Round House Theatre, ARTECHOUSE, Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company and Constellation Theatre Company, just to name a few.

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He also started working recently as a scenic artist at the Tony Award-winning Regional Signature Theatre in Arlington, VA. Next up, James will be the Associate Scenic Designer for Incendiary at Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company, designed by Andrew Boyce, directed by Monty Cole. www.jamesvraymond.com

JAY BROADNAX (*Lighting Designer*): Jay Broadnax is a Junior Musical Theatre major and honorary Tech Minor at Howard University from Houston, Texas. They've been studying lighting for about seven years. Currently working as a Lighting Designer at the Howard Theatre on T Street, they plan to continue studying tech production alongside musical theatre in the future.



DIRECTORS NOTE

Thanks so much for coming out to see our Spring Musical, Godspell! Our Godspell is set in a community of artists in the 70's. I picked this show, not only for it's beautiful music, but for it's beautiful message of love and community. With this being my first year at St. John's, I wanted to pick a musical that really involved working together as an ensemble. So many musicals involve tons of scenes with one or two characters or really just feature a small group. I wanted to be able to spend our rehearsal time with the full ensemble, working as a team to build this show and growing that community that Godspell depicts so beautifully in the process. Through the past few months, it's been so great to see, not only their talent, but their care and sense of community with one another. Everyday I see students help one another review choreography, help each other memorize lines, and just generally be there for one another.

Godspell shows how through love of Jesus and love for one another, we can create a "beautiful city" - one where we really look out for each other. In my first year at St. John's, I can truly say I've seen that "beautiful city" in action every day. Thank you for coming to support these students and all their hard work! I hope you enjoy Godspell!

Sincerely,
Christie Graham

