

Godspell Opens This Week

*Lakewood Playhouse begins its 86th Season
with Stephen Schwartz's hit musical*

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Lakewood Playhouse's 86th Season begins Friday September 13th with Godspell! "We can build a beautiful city..."

In Stephen Schwartz's lively and enlightening hit musical, Jesus builds a community of followers to share parables from the Book of Matthew, celebrating unity, spirituality and community. From the composer of *Wicked* and *Pippin*, with an eclectic rock score including the international hit "Day By Day", Godspell is certain to entertain and inspire all who experience its message of acceptance, hope and love. Join us to experience Godspell as you have never seen it before!

The incredible cast features **Mykahla George** as Jesus, **Melvin Rouse Jr.** as Judas/John The Baptist, **Brad Alemao**, **Austin Barnett**, **Alonna Hall**, **Brittany D. Henderson**, **Nia Marie**, **Courtnee Ramos**, **Adrian Roberto**, **LaNita Hudson Walters**, with understudies **Brookelyne Peterson** and **Romeo Bingham**.

Godspell is directed by **Joseph C. Walsh**, assistant directed by **Danielle Shope**, music directed by **Elijah Bellis**, choreographed by **Deshawn Morton**, with scenic design by **Jeremy Gregory**, lighting design by **Michelle Weingarden-Bandes**, sound design by **Gloria Bacon**, costume design by **Jane W. Davie** and properties design by **Madeleine Arnold**. The stage manager is **Stephanie Huber** and assistant stage manager **Maisha Rice**.

Godspell runs from September 13th to 29th with performances on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30pm, and Sunday matinees at 2:00pm. There is a Pay What You Can performance on Sunday, September 22nd at 7:30pm.

Coming up later in Lakewood Playhouse's 86th Season: the beloved holiday classic **It's A Wonderful Life** comes to the stage as a captivating live radio broadcast, **The Laramie Project** explores the complexity of identity and the human experience through the lens and voices of a community in crisis, **For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide/When The Rainbow Is**

Enuf - a fusion of poetry, dance, music and song, and **The Spitfire Grill** - a joyous celebration of human kindness, set to a melodic folk inspired score.

Season tickets are still available for all five productions, including Godspell, as well as Flex Passes and single tickets. Call the Box Office at (253) 588-0042 or visit www.lakewoodplayhouse.org to book online.

GODSPELL

Music and New Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz

Conceived and Originally Directed by John-Michael Tebelak

Originally produced on the New York stage by Edgar Lansbury, Stuart Duncan and Joseph Beruh

LAKWOOD PLAYHOUSE

Lakewood Playhouse's mission is to build community through theatre. Our 180 seat theatre performs shows in the round in the Seattle/Tacoma metropolitan area in the Lakewood Towne Center.

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