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Production of

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**

Direction

Mark Minnick & David James

Choreography

Mark Minnick

Music Direction

Ross Scott Rawlings

Scenic & Lighting Design

David A. Hopkins

Sound Design

John Pantazis

Costume Design by

Janine Sunday

Godspell

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Godspell was the first show on the Toby's stage 41 years ago and we dedicate this revival production to the memory of James W. Rouse.

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Godspell is a musical about bringing people together as James did here in Columbia, a city where everyone is welcome and can live life to the fullest.

With respect, appreciation, and much love,

Toby



The COMPANY

Justin Calhoun
as Jesus

Russell Sunday
as John & Judas

Heather Beck
MaryKate Brouillet
Tina Marie DeSimone
Crystal Freeman
David James
DeCarlo Raspberry
Jeffrey Shankle
Janine Sunday

Understudies:

Shane Lowry (Jesus, John, Judas)
Kalen Robinson (Female Company)
AJ Whittenberger (Male Company)

ORCHESTRA

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Act I

Prologue	Company
Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord	John & Company
Save the People	Jesus & Company
Day By Day	Janine & Company
Learn Your Lessons Well	Tina
O, Bless the Lord, My Soul	Crystal & Company
All for the Best	Jesus, Judas, & Company
All Good Gifts	DeCarlo & Company
Light of the World	David, Heather, & Company

THERE WILL BE ONE 15 MINUTE INTERMISSION

Act II

Turn Back, O Man	David, Heather, & Company
Alas for You	Jesus
By My Side*	MaryKate, Janine, & Company
We Beseech Thee	Jeffrey & Company
Day By Day (Reprise)	Company
On The Willows	Jeffrey, Heather, DeCarlo
Finale	Company

***Music for “By My Side” was written by PEGGY GORDON**

**Lyrics thereof by
JAY HAMBURGER**

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HEATHER BECK

Most recently seen at Toby's in *Home for the Holidays* and *Kinky Boots*. Credits Include: *Mamma Mia*, *A Christmas Story*, *Cats*, *Spamalot*, *The King and I*, & *Little Shop of Horrors*. Sign Language Interpreter and business owner by day. Thank you to Toby, Mark, Ross. Love to Shawn, Mathis, and her whole family.



DAVID JAMES

Actor, director, Helen Hayes winner (5 nominations, 2 wins), director of CCTA youth theatre, Commission on Presidential Debates (2004-2020), hairdresser, visual merchandiser, plumber, dog rescuer, bartender, world traveler, last seen here in *Home for the Holidays* and now this... ENJOY!



MARYKATE BROUILLET

Most recently seen at Toby's in *Home for the Holidays* and as Nicola in *Kinky Boots*. Other Toby's favorites include Louise in *Gypsy*, Katherine in *Newsies*, Peter in *Peter Pan*, Eponine in *Les Miserables*, and Wednesday in *The Addams Family*. Keegan Theatre: Marian in *The Bridges of Madison County*, *Spring Awakening*. Riverside Center, Creative Cauldron: *Nevermore*.



SHANE LOWRY

Last seen at Toby's in *Kinky Boots*. Recent Roles: Chad (*Disaster*, Cockpit) Sky (*Mamma Mia*, DCT), St. Jimmy (*American Idiot*, MST). Love to my Family and Friends!



JUSTIN CALHOUN

Last seen at Toby's in *A Christmas Story*. Previous Toby's credits include: *The Little Mermaid* (Prince Eric), *Young Frankenstein* (Victor), *Grease* (Roger), *The Bodyguard* (Stalker). JMU Alum. Thanks to Toby, Mark, family, and friends!



DECARLO RASPBERRY

Boston Conservatory Graduate, Opera and Musical performer. Credits: *Kinky Boots*, *Bodyguard*, *Grease*, *Hunchback of Notre Dame*, *The Little Mermaid* (Helen Hayes Recipient), *Pippin*, *Smokey Joe's Cafe*, *Brooklyn*, *Miracle...34th*, *Dreamgirls*, *Joseph and the Amazing... Dreamcoat*, among others. Thanks to Toby, Mark, Kate and Crew. www.decarloraspberry.com



TINA DESIMONE

Thrilled to be starting off the New Year returning to Toby's! Looking forward to being on stage with the "Old Gang!" Last Seen at Toby's as Rosie in *Mamma Mia*. She dedicates her performances to her Rock Star Nieces: Lily and Ella!! "Love you both to the Moon and Back!!"



KALEN ROBINSON

received her BFA in Musical Theatre at Howard U. This is her second show at Toby's. Most recently seen narrating for Shakepeare's Theatre Gala. Regional theatre credits include: *Spring Awakening* (Thea) at Round House Theatre and *Grease* (Jan) at Toby's. She thanks God and her supportive family for her success! IG: [k_nicole143](https://www.instagram.com/k_nicole143) Facebook and YouTube: Kalen Robinson



CRYSTAL FREEMAN

Some recent roles at Toby's include Effie (*Dreamgirls*), Mrs. Fezziwig (*A Christmas Carol*), Abuela Claudia (*In the Heights*). Morgan State University, BA Music. I dedicate this to Mack and Sky.



JEFFREY SHANKLE

Toby's credits include *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (Phoebus), *A Christmas Story* (Old Man), *Mamma Mia* (Sam), *Young Frankenstein* (Frederick), *1776* (John Adams), *Shrek* (Lord Farquaad - Helen Hayes Nomination) among many others. Jeffrey toured the US and Canada in productions of *Spamalot* and *Gypsy* and was a performer on Disney Cruise Line.

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JANINE SUNDAY

Four time Helen Hayes Nominee: Sylvia (*Danny and Sylvia* - American Century Theatre), Lucy (*Jekyll and Hyde* - Toby's), Maria (*West Side Story* - Toby's), Fiona (*Brigadoon* - West End Dinner Theatre). Other Toby's roles: Witch (*Into the Woods*), Betty (*White Christmas*), Amneris (*Aida*), Grizabella (*Cats*), Kim (*Miss Saigon*). Favorite role: Mommy to Trey! Love to Russell!



AJ WHITTENBERGER

Recent Toby's: *Kinky Boots*, *A Christmas Story*, *Grease*, *The Little Mermaid*, *Mamma Mia*. Nat'l Tour: *Big Nate*. Regional: Signature, Bucks County Playhouse, Studio, Media, Constellation, Nextstop, Imagination, Adventure, Riverside, Compass Rose. Producer: *AJ's Flashiest Mobs!* Graduate Indiana Univ.



RUSSELL SUNDAY

Last seen at Toby's as Don in *Kinky Boots*. Toby's Credits Include: Frank (*The Bodyguard*), Frolo (*Hunchback*), King Triton (*The Little Mermaid*), Bill (*Mamma Mia*), R.H. Macy (*Miracle on 34th Street*), and the Beast (*Beauty and the Beast*). Other Credits include: *Jekyll and Hyde*, *Aida*, and *Miss Saigon*. Carpe Diem! Stay safe and Happy Holidays!

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PRODUCTION STAFF

Directors	Mark Minnick, David James
Choreographer	Mark Minnick
Music Director	Ross Scott Rawlings
Assistant Conductor	Nathan Scavilla
Scenic/Lighting Designer	David A. Hopkins
Sound Designer	John Pantazis
Costume Designer	Janine Sunday
Technical Director	Emily Thompson
Assistant Technical Director	John Pantazis
Set Construction	David A. Hopkins, Jimmy Engelkermier, John Pantazis, Emily Thompson
Properties Coordinator	Kate Wackerle
Stage Manager	Shane Lowry
Light Board Operators	Jimmy Engelkermier, Molly Klezer, Heather Williams
Sound Board Operator	John Pantazis, Molly Klezer
Costume Shop Assistant	Sarah King

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THEATRE STAFF

Artistic Director	Toby Orenstein
Associate Producer/Casting	Mark Minnick
Associate Artistic Director	David A. Hopkins
General Manager	Joel Friedman
Assistant General Manager	Patrick Albright
Form Manager	Steve Lewis
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Assistant Bar Manager	Jeffrey Shankle
Maintenance Engineers	Stephen B. Harris, Latanya Sellmane

BEHIND THE SCENES

JOHN MICHAEL TEBELAK (*Author, Creator & Original Director*) John Michael Tebelak originally wrote *Godspell* as his Masters Thesis project at Carnegie-Mellon in 1971. Subsequently, he directed productions of *Godspell* at La MaMa Theatre, the Cherry Lane Theatre, the Promenade Theatre, and on Broadway. He received the 1971 Drama Desk award for Most Promising Director. In 1972, Mr. Tebelak directed the play, *Elizabeth I* on Broadway, and off-Broadway staged *The Glorious One* in 1975 and *Ka-Boom* in 1980. He is also co-writer of the 1973 film of *Godspell* with David Greene. He was dramaturg for the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in New York and staged liturgical drama there, and the church's theatre bears his name. John Michael Tebelak died April 2, 1985 of a heart attack in New York City.

STEPHEN SCHWARTZ (*Author, Music & New Lyrics*) Stephen Schwartz wrote the music and lyrics for the current Broadway hit *WICKED*, and has also contributed music and/or lyrics to *GODSPELL*, *PIPPIN*, *THE MAGIC SHOW*, *THE BAKER'S WIFE*, *WORKING* (which he also adapted and directed), *RAGS*, and *CHILDREN OF EDEN*. He collaborated with Leonard Bernstein on the English texts for Bernstein's *MASS* and wrote the title song for the play and movie *BUTTERFLIES ARE FREE*. For children, he has written songs for two musicals, *CAPTAIN LOUIE* and *MY SON PINOCCHIO*. He has also worked in film, collaborating with Alan Menken on the songs for Disney's *ENCHANTED* as well as the animated features *POCAHONTAS* and *THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME*, and writing the songs for the DreamWorks animated feature *THE PRINCE OF EGYPT*. His first opera, *SEANCE ON A WET AFTERNOON*, was produced at Opera Santa Barbara and New York City Opera. A book about his career, "Defying Gravity," has been released by Applause Books. Mr. Schwartz has been inducted into the Theatre Hall of Fame and the Songwriters Hall of Fame, and has been given a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Awards include three Academy Awards, four Grammy Awards, and a tiny handful of tennis trophies.

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TOBY ORENSTEIN (*Artistic Director*): An alumna of New York's High School of Performing Arts & Columbia University, Toby has combined her roles as educator and director throughout her theatrical career. She's taught at Catholic University, her own

Columbia Center for Theatrical Arts, and has directed most of the productions at Toby's Dinner Theatre of Columbia since it's opening in 1979. Since 1975, Toby has been the creative force behind *The Young Columbians*, a touring musical troupe that has played at the White House and Wolf Trap among other places. In the last twenty-five years, Toby's Dinner Theatre has received over 120 Helen Hayes Award Nominations. Toby herself has been nominated 12 times and won the 2003 Helen Hayes Award for her direction of *Jekyll and Hyde*.



MARK MINNICK (*Associate Producer/Casting/Director/Choreographer*) Mark has received 15 Helen Hayes Award nominations for direction and choreography, winning the award for Monty Python's *Spamalot* at Toby's. His most recent credits

include direction/choreography for *Kinky Boots*, *The Little Mermaid* (HH Nominated Best Musical & Director), *Young Frankenstein* (HH Nominated Best Choreography), *Mamma Mia!*, *The Addams Family*, *Hairspray*, *Beauty and the Beast*, and *Joseph... Dreamcoat*. Mark spent 15 years as Producer/Casting Director for Phoenix Entertainment. He also choreographed their National Tours of *The Pajama Game* and *Camelot* and worked all over the globe mounting productions of *Grease*, *Fame*, *The Addams Family* and *Rock of Ages* in Seoul, San Juan, Istanbul, Macau, Singapore, Shanghai and Beijing to name a few. It is a honor to work side by side with Toby Orenstein!

DAVID JAMES (*Co-Director*) David's association with Tobys started several years back in 1986 ,with her area premiere of *A Chorus Line* . His continued stay has led to many opportunities both on and off stage. With over a 100 main stage productions under his belt , he is also tackling being the director of Toby's TAP, introducing young audiences to the magic of live theatre! With exposure to Toby's direction over the years, David has switched gears several times to direct many Columbia/Baltimore main stage productions such as *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Cats* , *Beauty and the Beast*, *A Christmas Carol*, *The Wizard of Oz* , and others. David is excited about bringing *Godspell* to life for you the audience, with a life long friend Mark Minnick. Enjoy the show!

ROSS SCOTT RAWLINGS (*Music Director*) An accomplished pianist, arranger/orchestrator and conductor, holds over three hundred professional credits since the age of fifteen. Mr. Rawlings resides in Westminster, Maryland and serves as Director of Choral Activities at Marriotts Ridge High School.

DAVID A. HOPKINS (*Scenic/Lighting Designer/Associate Artistic Director*) has worked for Toby's for more than a few years in many jobs. He is proud to be a Helen Hayes Award nominee for his light design of Disney's *The Little Mermaid* and his set design for *A Christmas Story*. David is also a MAC Award winner for his work in New York. Thanks to all for their hard work. Here's to another great night of live theater.

JOHN PANTAZIS (*Sound Designer/Assistant Technical Director*) Johnny has worked as a Sound Technician/Designer for 12 years and worked with Toby's for 6 years. He holds a BS in Theatre Design and Production. Thank you to my family and friends.

JANINE SUNDAY (*Costume Designer*) Janine has performed many roles on stage at Toby's, but she also enjoys being part of the creative team. As the resident costume designer for CCTA, she designed for many Toby's mainstage productions including *All Shook Up*, *The Buddy Holly Story*, *Happy Days*, *Dreamgirls*, and *Joseph*. Janine designs for MetroStage, Red Branch Theatre Company/DLC, and designed wigs for Rep Stage and Olney Theatre. She looks forward to more design opportunities.

EMILY THOMPSON (*Technical Director*) Emily holds a BS in Theatre, with a concentration in Design and Technology. Thank you to Toby for taking a chance on me, and many thanks to friends and family!

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