

Union Board Presents



Live at the Buskirk Chumley



A Student Cast and Produced Musical

November 29th, 30th December 1st at 8:30pm



Producer Rachael Tunick Director Jonathan Lerner Music Director David Barnhouse

Choreographer Esther Widlanski

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#### **UNION BOARD**

PRESENTS

# GODSPELL

MUSIC, LYRICS, SCRIPT NOTES and REVISIONS STEPHEN SHWARTZ

FEATURING

STEPHANIE BENKERT LOVLEE CARROLL ALEX KILGORE MOLLY KRUSE TAYLOR MAIMBOURG GRADY MCCOY JOHN MCLAUGHLIN COREY PARISEAU CJ PAWLIKOWSKI KARLI SHANNON

# PRODUCER'S WELCOME

On behalf of Union Board, we would like to thank you for attending what is becoming one of our finest traditions, the Fall Musical. We take particular pride in this production because it is entirely student-run. It was designed, directed, performed and produced by over thirty IU students. It was their passion, dedication and endless energy that make this event possible. We hope you enjoy this fabulous show!

Rachael Tunick Performing Arts Director Indiana Memorial Union Board ubarts@indiana.edu Sarah McDonough President Indiana Memorial Union Board ubpres@indiana.edu

# SPECIAL THANKS

IU Theater and Drama Department and Scenic Studio Catharine Rademacher Annie Petsonk Becky Porter

#### CAST

MARY	Stephanie Benkert
LAUREN	Lovlee Carroll
KATE	Alex Kilgore
RENEE	Molly Kruse
JAMES	
THOMAS	Grady McCoy
JESUS	John McLaughlin
CHARLIE	Corey Pariseau
JUDAS	CJPawlikowski
CAMRYN	Karli Shannon

## ARTISTIC STAFF

DIRECTOR	Jonathan B,. Lerner
MUSIC DIRECTOR	David Barnhouse
STAGE MANAGER	Emma Strauss
CHOREOGRAPHER	Esther Widlanski
ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER	Britney Kuehm
SET DESIGNER	
ASSISTANT SET DESIGNER	Pam Miles
LIGHTING DESIGNER	Ann Sitzman
ASSISTANT LIGHTING DESIGNER	Will Fritz
SOUND DESIGNER	Ben Glawe
SOUND DESIGNER	Mark De Zwaan

#### **INSTRUMENTALISTS**

PIANO	Stanley Fink
BASS	Bobby Wooten
GUITAR	Dustin Laurenzi
DRUMS	Tommy Whiteman

# MUSICAL NUMBERS

## ACTI

Prologue	Company
Tower of Babble	Company
Prepare Ye (The Way of The Lord)	John the Baptist, Company
Save the People	Jesus, Company
Day by Day	Renee, Company
Learn Your Lessons Well	Camryn
O Bless the Lord My Soul	Mary, Company
All For The Best	Jesus, Judas, Company
All Good Gifts	James, Company
Light of the World	Company

### -15 MINUTE INTERMISSION-

#### ACTII

Learn Your Lessons (Reprise)	James
Turn Back, O Man	Lauren, Company
Alas For You	Jesus
By My Side	Kate, Renee, Company
We Beseech Thee	Thomas, Company
Day by Day (Reprise)	Company
On The Willows	
Finale	Jesus, Company

# DIRECTOR'S NOTES

The musical, in all its various forms, is very much a living art form. While every production is exceptional in its own way, Godspell truly has something incredible to offer that other shows do not. Unlike most book musicals today, Godspell does not come fully equipped with linear plot lines that more-or-less dictate how the show should look and feel! The vast majority of musicals are pretty straightforward. You've got a story. You've got characters. You've got traditions or conventions about the way it is presented. That is not the case with Godspell. At first glance, it can look like nothing more than a mish-mash of blackout sketches, vaudeville routines. and burlesque comedy interspersed with some memorable songs. Really though, it is so much more than that. While it *does* contain a little of everything mentioned above, when looked at more closely one is able to see past it all and can begin to build a more complete understanding of what's really going on in Godspell; what the show is really about.

It comes as a surprise to a lot of people when I tell them that I have never interpreted this show to be particularly religious. Sure the character of Jesus Christ is very prominent and act II essentially follows the Passion story, but that really is *not* what the show is about. Above all, Godspell is about the formation of a community. Eight separate individuals, led and guided by Jesus (who is helped by his pal and right-hand-man, John the Baptist/Judas), gradually come to form a communal unit. The majority of this formation happens in the first act through the playing of games and the telling and absorption of lessons, and each of the eight individuals has his or her own moment of committing to Jesus and to the community. When Jesus hands out gifts after "Save the People," he is having them them take on an external physical manifestation that they are his disciples, temporarily separating them from the rest of society. The internal journey, however, of each character is separate and takes its individual course and period of time.

In the second act, after a playful opening number, Jesus announces: "This is the beginning." By this he means that at this point the community has been formed and they are now ready to move through the difficult sequence of events leading to the crucifixion. When Jesus recollects the gifts that he handed out in act I, just after the last supper, he is expressing to each of them that they have assimilated his teachings into themselves and no longer need the outward trappings that brand them as disciples. It is this principle that makes it so that when Jesus is taken from them in the end, the eight individuals are able to remain fused as a community, ready and able to carry forth the lessons they have learned.

The formation of a community goes far beyond what you see on stage tonight. That is what makes Godspell so phenomenal. The friendships made and relationships formed through the process of putting together a show, particularly a show such as this, are among the most priceless in the world. To build a community where the value of the whole is greater than the sum of its parts, you must provide an honest, earnest, and compelling vision for how the world will be improved by its existence. That is what Godspell is all about and we certainly achieved it, both on stage and off. The final performance which you will see this evening is merely a compilation of the lessons learned, experiences had, and connections made throughout the rehearsal process and the journey taken to get here. Thank you for coming and being a part of the magic.

> Enjoy the show, Jonathan B. Lerner

# WHO'S WHO



David Barnhouse (Music Director) is a junior studying Choral Music Education and is delighted to bring the music of *Godspell* to the stage. Tupically seen

on stage rather than off, David makes his musicdirecting debut with this production. Recently, he performed in the chorus of IU Opera Theater's *Susannah*, and he currently sings in the University Chorale. He would like to thank his music teachers, present and past, for sharing with him their knowledge and talents, his friends for giving unconditional support, the cast of *Godspell* for singing from their hearts, and his mother for believing in him. David is from Indianapolis, Indiana.



Stephanie Benkhert (Mary) is a junior Voice Performance major. This past summer she performed scenes from *The Marriage of Figaro* as Susannah and *Cosi Fan* 

Tutte as Despina. She has appeared in the chorus of numerous IU Opera Theater productions including *Susannah* and *Manon*. She was also Asaka in Union Board's Fall 2006 production of *Once on This Island* Many thanks to her family and friends for their constant support!



Lovlee Carrol (Lauren) is a junior majoring in Musical Theatre with a minor in Psychology and Dance. In 2006, she played Ti Moune in Union Board's production of *Once* 

on This Island. In spring 2007, she was Maria in IU Theatre Department's *Nine*. This past October, she was "Seussemble" in the Department's production of *Seussical*. This is her third year in the Singing Hoosiers and dancing group the Varsity Singers. She will be in *Broadway Cabaret* and Indiana University's Faculty Dance Concert. She would like to thank the two most important people in her life: her brother and her mom, they have protected and supported her through everything. She loves them both very much.



Shane Cinal (Scenic Designer) is a senior studying Theatre and Drama with a concentration in Scenic Design/Technology, History and English. This is

Shane's first production with Union Board, but he has been involved with previous productions at Indiana University and Brown County Playhouse. He is from South Bend, Indiana. He would like to thank all those who have helped him with this process -- he's alright.



#### Alexandra Kilgore

(Kate) is a senior majoring in Theatre and Drama. At Indiana University, she has per-

formed in 365 Days/365 Plays, Nine, The Who's Tommy, and as a dancer in Eadaoin and Hammer and Nail: An Evening of Contemporary Dance. She attended the Circle in the Square Summer Musical Theatre Program in NYC. She is from Waterbury, Vermont.



Molly Kruse (Renee) All the way from Berkeley, CA, Molly is a sophomore majoring in Theatre and Drama and couldn't be happier to

be a member of Godspell. Last year, she made her debut on the IU mainstage as Lina Darling in "Nine". Favorite roles include Maria in "West Side Story", Sarah Brown in "Guys and Dolls", and Cinderella in "Into the Woods." Molly participated in NYU's CAP 21 musical theatre intensive, where she danced, sang, and acted. At home, she is a performer for Bread and Roses Community Outreach Program and Berkeley Performance Studio, both provide entertainment to the less fortunate. Molly is a graduate of A.C.T.'s Young Conservatory Program. She'd like to thank the whole Godspell team for making this such an awesome experience!



**Britney Kuehm** (Assistant Stage Manager) is a sophomoremajoring in Theatre and Drama and Telecommunications. She

has worked on many shows in the past including *Pippin* (Stage Manager), *The Laramie Project* (Co-Director), and *Life in Purple* (Assistant Director). She is from Cleveland, Ohio and is so happy to have been lucky enough to work with such a passionate and energetic company.



Jonathan B. Lerner (Director)~ Having directed various productions ranging from elementary to the high school level. this production marks Lerner's collegiate-level directing debut! Aside from theatrical productions, Lerner spent the spring and summer months of 2007 serving as the youth choir director at Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church, in Leawood, Kansas. In addition to his directing experience, Lerner is an active performer! He has performed many different leading roles in various musical theatre productions with such organizations as Music Theatre for the

People of Kansas City, The Kansas City Sumphonu. The Kansas Citu Luric Opera, and Indiana University. Notable past roles include: Reverend Shaw Moore in FOOT~ LOOSE! Tommy Albright in Brigadoon, Mr. Cladwell in Urinetown, Dannu Zuko in Grease, and Daniel in Once on this Island. In January of 2008. Lerner is to perform the role of The Lecturer in Reefer Madness at Union Station's H&R Block City Stage in Kansas City, Missouri. Many thanks to Mom for never losing faith in me, friends from home for always coming through when needed most, Rachael and the Union Board for always being able and willing to lend a helping hand, and to the cast for never letting me down and exceeding my expectations!



**Taylor Maimbourg** (James) is a freshman theatre major who is ecstatic to be appearing in this production of *Godspell*. He has most recently

appeared in Urinetown (Cladwell), Ragtime (Harry Houdini), Annie (Daddy Warbucks), and Little Shop of Horrors (Seymour). He wishes to thank his family and his friends, new and old, for all their support.



#### John Charles McLaughlin

(Jesus) is a sophomore in the Jacobs School of Music majoring in vocal performance. This is his first produc-

tion in Bloomington, though he has appeared in numerous shows in his hometown of Hammond, Indiana and the surrounding Northwest Indiana region. Some of his past roles include Curly (*Oklahoma*), Jack (*Into the Woods*), Sky Masterson (*Guys and Dolls*), and Bobby Strong (*Urinetown*). He is a Lilly scholar and a member of the Hutton Honors College. He would like to thank Union Board and the entire cast and crew of the show for proving that theater really is a universal community full of the most incredible people.



**Grady McCoy** (Thomas) is a sophomore from Little Rock, Arkansas. During high school, he was in several productions in Little Rock. in-

cluding You Can't Take It With You, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, and Rumors. He has also played supernumerary roles in IU Opera's such as Manon and Rigoletto. Grady is thrilled to be doing his first Union Board production



Pamela Miles (Assistant Scenic Designer) is a junior majoring in Theatre and Drama with a Scenic Design focus at Indiana University. She was a paint intern at Illinois Shakespeare Festival for the

2007 season and was a scenic painter for the University Players' production of "Surburbia." She is from Fort Wayne, Indiana.



**Corey Pariseau** (Charlie) is a recent transfer student from Atlanta, Georgia. He comes from Shorter College where he was a musical

theatre major and plans on auditioning for the BFA program at IU in the Spring of 08'. Corey has been in shows such as *Once on This Island* as TonTon Julian, *The Full Monty* as Dave, *You're a Good Man Charle Brown* as Linus and *Tick Tick BOOM* as Michael. Corey has really enjoyed working with this cast and the IU Union Board and hopes he gets the chance to work with them again in the future.



**CJ Pawlikowski** (Judas) is a freshman from Crown Point, Indiana. *Godspell* is his first show at Indiana University. During high school, he performed in

The Music Man, Fiddler on the Roof, West Side Story, and How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying. He really wants to thank his parents, the A-Team, and everyone in the cast for being there for him and making the transition into college a whole lot easier.



Karli Shannon (Camryn) is a junior Spanish major and Theatre and Drama minor. In 2005, she appeared as an Apostle in Jesus Christ Superstar at the Waldron

Arts Center. In 2006, she performed in the ensemble of *Grease* presented by Paddlewheel Productions in Jeffersonville, Indiana. She is also an active member of the Singing Hoosiers. Karli was born in Bloomington, but calls Jeffersonville, Indiana home. She wants to thank her family and friends for their endless support throughout her life.

Ann Sitzman (Lighting Designer) is a junior at the University of Kansas majoring in Theatre Design with a minor in Art History. The latest lighting designs she has done are *Fool For Love, Death Of Romance*, and *The Sensualist*. She is currently working as one of the Lead Electricians at the Kansas University Theatre and a stagehand at the Lied Center. Thank you to everyone that made this possible!



Emma Strauss (Stage Manager) is senior majoring Theatre and Drama and

French, and is receiving a certification in Secondary Education in both Theatre and French. She was the Stage Manager for Union

Board's production of *Once on this Island* and she was the Assistant Stage Manager for the University Players' production of *TOMMY*. She has worked at Olney Theatre in Olney, Maryland, assisting with their High School Theatre Institute. She has also worked at Round House Theatre in Bethesda and Silver Spring, Maryland as the Program Assistant for their High School Theatre Program, as well as she was the Sound Board Operator for their production of *A Body of Water*. She is from Olney, Maryland.



Rachael Tunick (Executive Producer) is a junior majoring in English, French and Arts Administration. She has had extensive experience in the theater world including various performances, workshops, and piano, voice, and dance lessons.

She is thrilled to have the opportunity to work with an amazing group of people to produce this show. She would like to thank the Union Board, her advisor Becky Porter, the fabulous Performing Arts Committee, the entire production team and cast for their endless passion and dedication, and of course her best friend: her mom. She is from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.



Esther Widlanski (Choreographer) is a junior at IU majoring in Dance and English. Most recently she has choreographed the Cardinal Stage Company's production af A Year With Frog and Toad. She

is so happy to have been a part of this project and to have worked with such a magnificent cast and crew!