

COLORADO CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY PRESENTS



Virtual Performance Dates

Thursday, February 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, February 26 at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 27 at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 28 at 2:00 p.m.



COLORADO CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
School of Music

"Passionately Pursuing Excellence to the Glory of God"

GODSPELL

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The Players

JESUS.....	Joe Barnard
JOHN THE BAPTIST	Jack Faulkner
JUDAS.....	Matthew Newell
CORE CAST.....	Aurora Hunter, Ellie Glup, Emma Stamper, Lydia Wischmeyer, Kristen Lester, Mandy Newkirk
CAST 1.....	Joel Frank, Liz Eike, Justine Scott
CAST 2.....	Raeanna Russell, Anika Thomas, Alaina Hummel
CAST 3	J. Dani Strock, Joel Frank, Brooke Rawls
CAST 4	Miranda Bath, Leah Gaus, Raeanna Russell
CAST 4/SOCRATES	Kyle Garrett

The Producers

Director	Jenny Stafford
Musical Director	Anne Griffin
Assistant Musical Director	Steven T. Taylor
Choreographer	Erin Buterbaugh
Conductor	Anne Griffin
Designer and Technical Director	Sarah McLean, Matthew McLean
Stage Manager	Kevin O'Melia
Costume Design and Construction	Rachel Finley, Debbie Herring
Lighting Design and Operator	Jeffrey R. Johnson
Sound Operator	Tom Quinn
Rehearsal Stage Manager.....	Kevin O'Melia & Molly Robinson
Props Acquisition and Construction	Jeanette Lane
Set Construction	Matthew McLean, Sarah McLean, Hope Boles, Celianna Gallegos, Keenan, Garnett, Jessica Hardman, Christian McCarthy, Kevin O'Melia, Grace Parsley, Raeanna Russell
Stage Crew	Hope Boles, Mo Craddock, Joan Frank Jessica Hardman, Christian McCarthy, Kevin O'Melia, Molly Robinson
Recording Crew	Sarah McLean, Kurt Butler, Ebenezer Eferobor, Pierce Boelke, Hana Michel, J. Dani Strock, Alexis Flechas, Katelynn Price

The Band

Keyboard..... Anne Griffin†
Guitar Chase Johnson
Bass Ron Bland†
Drums Jude Griffin*

*denotes community member, †denotes CCU Faculty/Staff Member

A Special Tribute



We offer this production of *GODSPELL* as a special tribute to Sanne McCarthy, former *Theatre Director* at *Colorado Christian University* from 1994 to 2016, who went home to be with the Lord on September 17, 2020. Sanne was a great storyteller, the architect of the theatre program, and guide and mentor to hundreds.

Sanne believed that *GODSPELL* was a show that we should produce at least once every 10 years because of its clear depiction of the Gospel. She felt it was our responsibility to the community and our mission to do so, and that only the redeemed could fully present the truth of the Gospel, as told through the

book of Matthew.

In her book, *MASTERCLASS*, Sanne wrote:

“Theatre is a form of storytelling, and we may be involved in it as surely as we are made in the image of God. As Christians, we have the opportunity for a unique perspective on story. One reason we might want to live life as a Christian actor ... for the arts to be redeemed for Christ by Christian artists. The arts, surrendered to Christ, have very different characteristics from unsundered arts.”

On opening night, Sanne would always tell the actors, with glee, *“I’m sorry you all have to work tonight. I’m going to the theatre!”*

Steven Taylor
Dean, CCU School of Music

Musical Synopsis

Place: Lakewood Cultural Center, Lakewood, Colorado

Time: 2021

ACT I

TOWER OF BABBLE Aurora, Lydia, Kristen, Emma, Raeanna,
Leah, Ellie, Mandy
PREPARE YE (THE WAY OF THE LORD) John the Baptist (Jack) and Company
SAVE THE PEOPLE Jesus (Joe) and Company
DAY BY DAY.....Lydia and Company
LEARN YOUR LESSONS WELL..... Alaina and Company
O, BLESS THE LORD, MY SOULEllie and Company
ALL FOR THE BESTJesus (Joe), Judas (Matthew) and Company
ALL GOOD GIFTS John the Baptist (Jack) and Company
LIGHT OF THE WORLD Company

ACT II

LEARN YOUR LESSONS REPRISÉ Emma
TURN BACK, O MAN Aurora, Jesus (Joe) and Company
Featured Dancers Kristen and Brooke
BEAUTIFUL CITY Jesus (Joe)
ALAS FOR YOU..... Jesus (Joe)
BY MY SIDE Mandy, Kristen, and Company
WE BESEECH THEE.....Judas (Matthew) and Company
BEAUTIFUL CITY..... Jesus (Joe)
ON THE WILLOWS Leah, Raeanna, and Company
FINALE Jesus (Joe) and Company
BOWS Company

Who's Who In The Cast

 <p>Joe Barnard</p>	 <p>Leah Gaus</p>	 <p>Matthew Newell</p>	 <p>Anika Thomas</p>
 <p>Miranda Bath</p>	 <p>Ellie Glup</p>	 <p>Mandy Newkirk</p>	 <p>Lydia Wischmeyer</p>
 <p>Liz Eike</p>	 <p>Alaina Hummel</p>	 <p>Brooke Rawls</p>	
 <p>Jack Faulkner</p>	 <p>Aurora Hunter</p>	<p>Raeanna Russell</p>	
 <p>Joel Frank</p>	 <p>Kristen Lester</p>	 <p>Justine Scott</p>	
 <p>Kyle Garrett</p>	 <p>J. Dani Strock</p>	 <p>Emma Stamper</p>	

Who's Who in the Cast

JOE BARNARD (Jesus) is so excited to be in his second show here at CCU. He is currently a junior and is majoring in Music Education. Having only been in two shows prior to *Godspell*, Joe is very honored to have played the role of Jesus. Performing in this year's productions of *Charlie Brown* and *Godspell* have reignited his love for theatre, and he could not be more grateful to the creative team and cast for the atmosphere of love and support within the theatre program. Joe hopes you enjoy this production and experience all the life and laughter this show brings to the story of Jesus!

MIRANDA BATH (Cast 4) This is Miranda's first on stage show at CCU! In the past, she has been behind the scenes and helped stage manage past shows. She is super grateful for this opportunity to work with a tight-knit community to tell stories to honor God! This story and experience is really special and is needed more than ever in the world right now. She would like to thank Jenny Stafford, Erin Buterbaugh, Anne Griffin, Laura Saunders, Sarah McLean, her Mom and Dad and her close friends, and of course Jesus for all their support, mentorship and encouragement. Now go ahead, grab a bowl of popcorn and a la croix, and enjoy the show!

LIZ EIKE (CAST 1) is in her final semester studying creative writing and theatre at CCU. *Godspell* is her third college theatre performance; she previously appeared in *Mary Poppins* (ensemble) and *The Man Who Came to Dinner* (June). She has had the privilege of working behind-the-scenes on stage crew and set construction for multiple shows, and has written one monologue and one short play for CCU's annual one-act festival. After school, she hopes to continue writing for stage and literature.

JACK FAULKNER (John the Baptist) is in his first year at CCU as a freshman. *Godspell* is his first show at CCU. Huge thanks to Jenny Stafford, Dean Steven Taylor, Erin Buterbaugh, Anne Griffin, and the rest of the Cast and Crew for making my first CCU show an incredible experience. You are all such a joy to work with!

JOEL FRANK (Cast 1/Cast 3) is a junior at CCU studying accounting and music. He was introduced to theater in middle school where he played Jack in *Into the Woods*. In high school, he switched to playing bass in band and orchestra and still plays in Chamber Strings at CCU. He

made his return to theatre last year as Mr. Northbrook and ensemble in CCU's *Mary Poppins* and is so grateful for the opportunity to continue doing theatre this year in the form of *Godspell* alongside this remarkable cast. Thank you for supporting theatre in this difficult time and being a part of this experience with us. Enjoy the show!

KYLE GARRETT (Cast 4/Socrates)

LEAH GAUS (Cast 4) is a freshman at CCU majoring in vocal performance, and is excited to be in her first show at CCU! When she isn't singing Leah loves to bake and make memories with her friends! Many thanks and love to the cast and crew for making this show an incredible experience!

ELLIE GLUP (Core Cast) is a junior and is from Tekamah, Nebraska. This is her third show at CCU. Other roles have included the Ensemble of *Hello, Dolly!* and Mrs. Corry in *Mary Poppins*. Ellie is a Music Major with an emphasis in Digital Media. Her favorite thing about the process of *Godspell* has been getting closer to the cast and following Christ in fellowship and as a community of believers. She hopes you enjoy the production and use our hard work during this different time to draw nearer to Christ.

ALAINA HUMMEL (Cast 2) is very excited to be participating in *Godspell* as her first production with CCU. She is a sophomore worship arts major and is passionate about praising the Lord through music and other arts, including acting and painting. Other productions that Alaina has been a part of in the past are *Beauty and the Beast* and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, and she is excited to keep adding to that list as she furthers her college career!

AURORA HUNTER (Core Cast) is a senior from Tucson, AZ majoring in directing and minoring in education. Previous credits include Miss Andrew (*Mary Poppins*), Mae Tuck (*Tuck Everlasting*), Dragon (*Shrek the Musical*), and Ursula (*The Little Mermaid*). She is blessed to be ending her performance time at CCU with such an amazing cast and would like to thank her family, friends, Steve Taylor, Jenny Stafford, Anne Griffin, and Erin Buterbaugh for all of their support and guidance. Aurora will be taking on the role of director for CCU's *Radium Girls* playing this April.

KRISTEN LESTER (Core Cast) is a freshman vocal performance major and theatre minor at CCU this year! She is beyond excited to perform in the core cast in *Godspell*! Some of her past productions include, Ariel in *The Little Mermaid*, Marian in *The Music Man*, Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz*, and Gertrude in *Seussical*. She is so thankful for the opportunity to perform live music and theatre during these Covid times! She hopes you all enjoy the show!

MATTHEW NEWELL (Judas) is a freshman at CCU, is studying psychology emphasizing in clinical counseling, and has loved being in his first CCU production! In addition to *Godspell*, some of Matthew's favorite roles have been Racetrack (*Newsies*), Turk (*Tarzan*), Lumier (*Beauty and the Beast*) and Goran (*Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*.) Matthew is from Chicago, is addicted to coffee and thrifting, and is extremely grateful that the Lord has given him an opportunity to create art in this season of his life.

MANDY NEWKIRK (Core Cast) is a senior at CCU studying both Music and English. She has been a performer for nearly 17 years with some favorite roles being Winifred Banks in *Mary Poppins*, Fiona in *Shrek*, and Beth in *Little Women, the Musical*. She is currently pursuing a career in professional musical theatre. This show has been a unique and beautiful privilege with which to conclude her time at CCU. Much love to all involved in *Godspell* for their commitment to showing Christ's love with excellence during a difficult time in history.

BROOKE RAWLS (Cast 3) is a junior at CCU studying Special Education. She is a competitive dancer of fifteen years and has danced in CCU's *Tuck Everlasting*, *Mary Poppins*, and now *Godspell*!

RAEANNA RUSSELL (Cast 2/Cast 4)

JUSTINE SCOTT (Cast 1) is a freshman at CCU as a Business Administration/Accounting major and Music Theatre minor. This is her first production here, and she is excited for the continued opportunity to use theatre as a tool to glorify God. Thanks to Kimberly Traum, Walk by Faith Theatre, and the Scott/Siebert family for sparking and encouraging a love of theatre and music that has continued for many years!

EMMA STAMPER (Core Cast) is so excited to be taking part in her second Spring Musical with CCU. She is a Global Studies Major with a

Theatre Minor. Previously, she played the role of Snoopy in *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*. She is so proud of this production that tells a very important story and she can't wait for you all to experience it from the comfort of your own homes!

J. DANI STROCK (Cast 3) is a junior at CCU and has spent her entire life pursuing performing arts, from touring the country with her family ensemble to studying for her Bachelor's degrees in Music Production and Engineering and Music Composition. Her interests lie both in the world of sound production and composition for film, directing theatre and other performing arts groups, choreography, and composing for the contemporary classical world, but her goal is to direct a performing arts academy for young Christians and homeschoolers to use their talents to glorify God. After she graduates from CCU, she plans on pursuing a Master's degree in conducting or film and theatre production.

ANIKA THOMAS (Cast 2) is a freshman at CCU and she is studying music education with a minor in dance. She is beyond thrilled to be involved with theatre with the production of *Godspell* here at CCU! Anika loves to sing and dance and has been highly involved with her local theatre for over ten years with some of her favorite roles including Vi (*Footloose*), Neleus (*Mary Poppins*), and Young Cosette (*Les Miserables*). Anika is from a small mountain town in southern Colorado, and when not in class you can almost always find her outside! Whether it is backpacking, fishing, paddle boarding, skiing, hiking, or camping, she loves admiring God's glorious creation alongside her family and friends. Anika is happy to welcome you to enjoy this production of *Godspell*, which she has loved being a part of creating with her fellow artists.

LYDIA WISCHMEYER (Core Cast) Wischmeyer is in her senior year as a Business Major at CCU, and *Godspell* marks her first lead role and her third production here. She has greatly enjoyed her time with the theatre department and would like to thank the directors, the cast, and the crew for all their hard work and for helping her become more confident in her performing abilities. She would also thank to thank God for allowing this show to happen in the midst of this crazy world and for his blessing upon CCU's theatre department.

Who's Who

ERIN BUTERBAUGH (Choreographer) is a Denver-based choreographer and dance instructor going on her tenth year of choreographing CCU's musicals. Erin regularly choreographs for theaters, schools, and dance studios across Colorado, for productions including *The Nutcracker*, *Peter and the Wolf*, *The Firebird*, *Seussical*, *Quilters*, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, *Singin' in the Rain*, *Oliver!*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Alice in Wonderland*, and *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. Erin has also served as a guest choreographer and technique coach for competitive dance teams in Denver and Fort Wayne, and teaches dance and musical theatre in CCU's School of Music.

ANNE GRIFFIN (Music Director & Accompanist) has worked as a staff accompanist at CCU since 2017. She earned her Bachelor of Musical Arts in piano from Oklahoma Baptist University. She has taught private piano, and accompanied for vocalists, instrumentalists, choirs and musical productions. For over 25 years, she has been leading worship and serving in church ministry, most recently serving as Pastor of Worship and Administration at Trailhead Church. Growing up doing musical theater, she is thrilled to be back in the theater world, working alongside the best production team and incredible students. Her favorite roles will always be mom to Jude and Noah and wife to Jack.

JENNY STAFFORD (Director) is in her fifth year as the Director of Theatre Studies at CCU, and *Godspell* marks her twelfth production here. In addition to her work as a professor and director at CCU, Jenny works as a playwright and musical theatre writer. Her work has appeared on Broadway (Cirque de Soleil's *Paramour*), Off-Broadway, regionally, and internationally. Much love and gratitude to Steve, Anne, Erin, Sarah, and the cast and crew for being such a beautiful group to "prepare the way of the Lord" with.

STEVEN T. TAYLOR (Assistant Musical Director), Dean of the School of Music at Colorado Christian University. Steven coordinates vocal studies at CCU. He is also known for his beautiful, expressive singing and dramatic interpretations. His versatile singing career ranges from opera and oratorio, to musical theatre, gospel, and jazz. Steven has appeared onstage with Central City Opera, Opera Theatre of the Rockies, Boulder's Dinner Theatre, and Opera Colorado; and in concert with major symphonies and choral organizations throughout the west, including the Colorado Ballet, and three soloist performances in Carnegie Hall. As a member of LEGACY Quartet, Steven has performed concert tours in Canada, Cuba, Australia, and South Korea.

RACHEL FINLEY (Costume Design) is a Colorado native who has been active in theatre for over 10 years. She studied performing arts at Colorado Christian University earning her Bachelors of Arts then spent time in New York City continuing her studies at the American Musical and Dramatic Academy. Starting her theatre career as an actress she transitioned to also being a costume designer in 2012. In 2016 she created her own costuming company named Rachel's Costume Shop. Her most recent projects include *HONK!* With Phamaly Theatre Company, *Calendar Girls* with Firehouse Theatre Company and *Sweeney Todd* with Equinox Theatre which along with *The Great American Trailer Park Musical* was recently nominated for Best Costume Design of a Musical by

BroadwayWorld.com.
www.rachelscostumeshop.com

JEFFREY R. JOHNSON (Lighting Design) is a stage manager and lighting designer from Chicago, IL. After receiving his bachelor's degree in Theater Arts and Design Technology at the University of Nevada Las Vegas, he stayed in the entertainment capital of the world. Jeff opened a production company working a variety of shows along Las Vegas Blvd. In January 2014, Jeff sold his company and moved to Denver wanting to explore a new theater scene and enjoy the mountains. Since, he has worked as stage manager and lighting designer for Denver School of the Arts and is currently the head of lighting for Lakewood Cultural Center. Jeff is very excited to

be collaborating with Colorado Christian University for his fourth year now.

MATTHEW MCLEAN (Technical Director and Set Design) has been building the sets for the CCU Theatre since 2010. He started designing the sets in 2012. He loves collaborating with his wife in these projects and teaching the students how to use power tools and build sets. Matt has been a history teacher and is currently a student advisor at CSU-Global.

SARAH MCLEAN (Technical Director, Set Design, and Stage Manager) has been building the sets and stage managing at CCU since 2005 and designing them since 2012. Working with her husband and the wonderful students of CCU is a great joy for her. Sarah serves as Assistant to the Dean in the School of Music during her daytime hours.

Special Thanks

Benjamin Potter for the editing and production of the opening video
Stephanie Lee Genco for the ASL translation for "All Good Gifts"
Lakewood Cultural Center



“Passionately pursuing excellence to the glory of God” continues to be the mission and hallmark of Colorado Christian University’s School of Music. While many of you have joined us at our ensemble concerts, stage productions and Christmas celebration, we would also like to invite you to hear the talent of our students as solo performers.

The School of Music Gala is an event where we celebrate individual student performance and achievement. We select our student performers through an extensive evaluation and audition process, ensuring that they represent outstanding artistic performances in a wide variety of styles and instruments.

I invite you to celebrate with us by attending this free virtual event on Friday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m. I would like to encourage you in advance, to consider giving to our student scholarship funds at this event.

Check out www.ccu.edu/musicevents for more information and the livestream link.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven T. Taylor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Steven" being the most prominent.

Steven T. Taylor
Dean, School of Music

Friday, March 19, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Livestream Event

Presented as a musical gift to our faithful supporters and honoring our students, the 2021 School of Music Gala will showcase the School of Music’s top student performers and faculty.

For more information on upcoming events at the CCU School of Music, please visit our full event calendar at www.ccu.edu/musicevents