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THEATRE TUSCALOOSA ANNOUNCES AUDITIONS FOR GODSPELL

September 18, 2012 (TUSCALOOSA, AL) - Theatre Tuscaloosa will hold open auditions for its upcoming production of Godspell on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 16 and 17, in the Bean-Brown Theatre at Shelton State Community College’s Martin Campus (9500 Old Greensboro Rd).

Conceived and originally directed by John Michael Tebelak, with music and new lyrics by Stephen Schwartz, Godspell is one of the biggest off-Broadway and Broadway successes of all time. Drawing from various theatrical traditions, such as clowning, pantomime, charades, acrobatics, and vaudeville, Godspell is a groundbreaking and unique reflection on the life of Jesus, with a message of kindness, tolerance, and love.

Those interested in auditioning will be expected sing 16 bars of a musical theatre song and should bring sheet music of the entire song marked clearly with start and stop in the appropriate key. A pianist will be provided. Recorded music may not be used. It is asked that you also prepare a short (one minute) comic monologue and/or a joke that involves physicality, characterization, and/or heightened reality. Be prepared to demonstrate any special talents and, if possible, work them into the monologue. Auditionees may be asked to read from the script provided at the audition. It is also recommended that auditionees be familiar with the songs/roles in which they are most interested.

Rehearsals will begin on October 22. The rehearsal schedule will be finalized after casting, but rehearsals are generally held Monday through Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons and/or evenings. There will not be rehearsals on most Saturdays.
Scripts for *Godspell* are now available for reading in the Ticket Office for those who wish to read the play in advance (recommended). Scripts may not leave the premises, however. The Ticket Office is open Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Fridays 9 a.m.-noon.

*Godspell* has touched audiences around the world for over 40 years. The score encompasses a wide variety of musical styles and lends itself to a unique and spirited interpretation of the Gospel According to St. Matthew with familiar songs including "Day by Day," "God Save the People," and "All for the Best."

*Godspell* will be presented November 30-December 9, 2012 at the Bean-Brown Theatre on Shelton State Community College’s Martin Campus. More details are available at [www.theatretusc.com](http://www.theatretusc.com) or by phone at 205.391.2277.

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