



J.W. Mitchell High School Theatre Department Thespian Troupe 6272

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WHAT: *GODSPELL*

Libretto by John-Michael Tebelak / Music and Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz

WHO: J.W. Mitchell High School Mustang Theatre

WHEN: Thursday, April 19th, Friday, April 20th & Saturday, April 21st at 7:30pm / Sunday, April 22nd at 2:00pm

**WHERE: The Center of the Arts at River Ridge / 11646 Town Center Rd, New Port Richey, FL 34654
(727) 774-7382**

HOW MUCH: \$10 in Advance, \$12 Day of Show, \$15 preferred seating (front center rows). Tickets available on-line at <http://jwmhs.pasco.k12.fl.us> or at the J.W. Mitchell High School main office. (727) 774-9358

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J.W. Mitchell High School Mustang Theatre will be presenting, *GODSPELL*. The musical's libretto is written by John-Michael Tebelak; with music and lyrics written by Stephen Schwartz. *GODSPELL* will be performed at The Center of the Arts at River Ridge / 11646 Town Center Rd, New Port Richey, FL 34654. Performance dates are Thursday, April 19th, Friday, April 20th and Saturday, April 21st at 7:30pm and Sunday, April 22nd at 2:00pm. The ticket price is \$10 in Advance, \$12 Day of Show, \$15 preferred seating (front center rows). Tickets available on-line at jwmhsm@booktix.com or at the J.W. Mitchell High School main office. The phone number is: (727) 774-9358.

GODSPELL was the first major musical theatre offering from three-time Grammy and Academy Award winner, Stephen Schwartz (Wicked, Pippin, Children of Eden), and it took the world by storm. Led by the international hit, "Day by Day," *Godspell* features a parade of beloved songs, including "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord," "Learn Your Lessons Well," "All for the Best," "All Good Gifts," "Turn Back, O Man" and "By My Side."

A small group of people helps Jesus Christ tell different parables by using a wide variety of games, storytelling techniques and hefty doses of comic timing. An eclectic blend of songs, ranging in style from pop to vaudeville, is employed as the story of Jesus' life dances across the stage. Dissolving hauntingly into the Last Supper and the Crucifixion, Jesus' messages of kindness, tolerance and love come vibrantly to life.

Boasting a score with chart topping songs, a book by a visionary playwright (John-Michael Tebelak) and a feature film, *GODSPELL* is a sensation that continues to touch audiences.

The production features a cast of over fifteen J.W. Mitchell High School students in the cast and crew. The cast includes Joshua Smith as Jesus, Sebastian Candelaria as John the Baptist/Judas and an ensemble cast of disciples made up of Rheanna Arbon, Grace Cooke, Cody Farkas, Corey Jacobi, Rachel Knowles, Guillermo Madriz, Marylyn Patankar, and Baylee Roberts. Chris Sell, from Sell's Broadway Dance Studio, does the choreography, Darrell Huling is the vocal director and Theatre Teacher David O'Hara directs the production.