

# Information Packet

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## Congratulations!

You have taken the first step toward being a part of something that's new and exciting... our church's very first community musical. We are so excited for this opportunity and feel that God Spell is a wonderful place to start, one that audiences will truly love! It will have great scenery, costumes and music! There are many roles available to cast & crew of all ages, as well as fun dance numbers!

Now that you have taken the first step, here's what you need to know...

## **IMPORTANT MUSICAL DATES:**

Audition Contract (found online) – to be PRINTED, FILLED OUT and BROUGHT TO AUDITIONS  
Musical & Dramatic Auditions – Saturday May 19 at Cross Roads Church, in the Sanctuary

- You will need to sign up via our online webpage for a time
- May 18<sup>th</sup> may be opened for auditions if need be...

Dance Auditions – if needed, same day

Audition results POSTED online – Saturday NIGHT May 19 by 8:00pm

First FULL CAST meeting/read through – Sunday May 20

- Cast members will receive their calendar, their script, and additional important information. Everyone is required to attend.

Rehearsals will be every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00-8:00pm at Cross Roads Church beginning June 12 – August 9

ADDITIONAL Rehearsals –

- Saturday August 11, 9:00am-12:00pm
- Week of August 13 – everyday from 6:00-8:00pm

Because the cast is so small... EVERY REHEARSAL COUNTS. Please provide anticipated missed rehearsals FAR in advance throughout the summer. Extra rehearsals are absolutely mandatory.

Show Dates – August 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> @ Cross Roads Church

Additional performances may be added if needed

## **A FEW THINGS ...**

- Please read the entire contents of this packet and complete the Participation/Singer CONTRACT Form with appropriate signatures. You will NOT be allowed to audition without the signed contract. If you are a minor, you must include parent signature as well.

- All auditioning are expected to come prepared knowing all required music and speaking parts. Choose ONE monologue and ONE musical selection. Musical selections must be sung WITHOUT the voices. (Accompaniment track)

- Roles will be given based upon preparedness and performance of the audition. Those who display extra effort by having music and lines, adding facial expression, movement, and characterization to roles will be rewarded with higher audition scores.

- All auditions are CLOSED to the public. No parents, siblings, or students who are not auditioning are allowed in the room. Only musical production staff and auditioning cast & crew will be present during auditions.

## **Rehearsal Times:**

Rehearsals will be on Tuesday and Thursday of each week throughout the summer. Unless there is an extenuating circumstance, all participants are expected to remain there for the entire time. The week of show and the week before that will consist of late and long hours for everyone involved in the production. If you are a minor, be sure your parents understand this before they sign your permission slip.

## **Rehearsal Attendance Policy:**

The musical is a major extracurricular activity. If you are already participating in another major activity, you **MUST** be willing to sacrifice your time. **YOU MUST ATTEND REHEARSALS!**

Be on time to rehearsals. If you insist on being late, we'll ask you to withdraw from the show.

**We will be operating on a “3 Strikes - You’re Out” policy. If you have 3 UNEXCUSED ABSENCES from rehearsal - YOU WILL BE DISMISSED AND/OR REPLACED!**

All absences will be considered UNEXCUSED unless we receive a note or email in advance from either the performer or from a parent. Out of courtesy, we ask that you (and or your parents if a minor) contact the directors in **ADVANCED** notice (a day or two would be fine) if you know there is a conflict. **EXCESSIVE** last minute conflicts which result in an absence from rehearsal may result in removal of the show.

Illness is an accepted excuse except in chronic illness during which you would miss more rehearsals than could be allowed. In the instance that you should become chronically ill and miss several rehearsal, your participation level in the musical may be altered (i.e. given a different role or removal from some dance numbers). Meetings, rescheduled athletic practices/games, non-school concerts, movies, extended family vacations, sibling events/games, birthday parties, and other such events will **NOT** be valid excuses for missing rehearsals.

## **Expectations:**

The cast and crew for this production will be open to all area churches, schools and public at large in San Antonio. It is very likely we will have a good cross-section of people from all ages and walks of life – which will be **AWESOME!** With that, we will also likely have minors in the production. All rehearsals and activities will take place at Cross Roads Church. We will all spend an extraordinary amount of time at the church. All cast and crew are expected to conduct themselves in a manor conducive to being a representative of Cross Roads Church. This includes language, conduct, and social media. All adult cast and crew will be asked to supervise and help care for any minors in the cast and crew while at the church.

While at rehearsals, cast & crew are required to always dress comfortably and bring their scripts and a pencil to make notes. Cast members are encouraged to bring other activities with them that can be done quietly while they are not working on stage. While we do the best we can to only call cast & crew to rehearsal when needed, inevitably things don't always go as planned. It's important that cast & crew are prepared to use their downtime wisely.

### **Production Fee:**

**Cast & crew only pay the fee IF they make the musical. Do not bring fee money to the audition!** The fee for cast & crew to take part in the musical is \$20.00. This fee helps cover some of our production costs including, but not limited to show licensing, sets, props, and the official Godspell tee shirt. **This fee is non-refundable.**

### **Use of Scripts:**

Every cast member will be provided with a God Spell script. Original scripts will not be replaced if lost. **Every person is required to have their script at every rehearsal.**

### **Script Memorization:**

It is expected that all cast & crew learn, practice and memorize all their lines, songs and choreography by the date assigned. Start learning lines and songs right away!

### **Costumes:**

The Production Fee does NOT cover the cost of costumes for the show. **CAST WHO MAKE THE PRODUCTION MAY BE REQUIRED TO GET HIS OR HER OWN COSTUME FOR THE SHOW.** There are numerous online videos and sites that provide instruction on making appropriate costumes. Cast may also go to a costume shop to rent or purchase one if he or she desires.