



Prepare Ye... For Godspell!

Indeed, Prepare Ye... Uncle Randy Productions is bringing its 1998 smash hit production of Godspell back for a limited two week engagement. In the Spring of 1998 Uncle Randy Productions took the lower mainland theatre community by storm with a fresh and exciting version of the Stephen Schwartz (Wicked) musical, Godspell. Popular and critical response encouraged the company to transfer the piece downtown where it played a 3 week run at the Vogue Theatre before being picked up by Shrine Concert Promotions for a mini-tour of BC.

"When all was said and done," says artistic director Richard Berg, "It ran for 41 performances in 7 different venues. Every time we thought the run had ended it seemed to draw yet another breath."

So why the remount? "It just felt like it was time," says Berg. "It was 8 years ago and we've done 10 shows since and yet the show remains one of our biggest successes. I still have people come up to me and tell me they saw it at this theatre or that theatre and how much they loved it."

Original cast member Roger Haskett has had similar experiences "It never ceases to amaze me," says Haskett, "I did this show 8 years ago and I still have people approach me and say 'weren't you Jesus?'. There is just something about the show that stayed with people."

Haskett is one of 5 original cast members who are returning for a second go 'round. They are joined by 11 new faces. "The best thing about this show," says Berg, "is that it allows the strengths and talents of each cast member to shine through." This production updates the 70's feel by casting young, raw performers giving the show a contemporary edge not unlike Rent and other Broadway hits of the late 90s.

The remount of Godspell sets an eclectic group of performers inside an old abandoned theatre. Once inside, their impromptu performances seem to restore the space to its former glory. As the theatre falls into further disrepair the members of the troupe fall further into their roles and ensure that this performance will not soon be forgotten. Don't miss this opportunity to see what the Vancouver Sun called "one of the top shows of 1998."

WHAT: Godspell

WHEN: Preview: Nov. 7 (2 for 1) Run: Nov. 8-18, Tues. to Sat. @ 8 pm, Sun. 2 pm matinees

WHERE: Centennial Theatre, North Vancouver (2300 Lonsdale Ave.)

TICKETS: Centennial Theatre: 604.984.4484 or www.centennialtheatre.com or Uncle Randy Productions Office 604.980.7942

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