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Godspell Comes to Madeira

The revised 2012 version of *Godspell* is coming to the stage at Madeira High School (MHS) April 16-18.

Set and lighting design by Technical Director/Set Designer Dennis Klasmeier will transform the stage of the school's Medert Auditorium like no other production to date for the show's eclectic blend of songs ranging from pop to vaudeville. Under the direction of Madeira Theatre Arts Director Rebecca Brewer, the reimagined production is designed to appeal to a diverse audience and celebrate the message of kindness, tolerance, and love.

Brewer shared her vision and excitement over the production. "We chose the musical, *Godspell (Revised 2012 Version)*, because it is such a unique show and a great contrast to other recent musicals Madeira Theatre Arts has produced," she stated. "With our theatre arts program in a period of great growth, it felt like the perfect time to perform an ensemble work with ample vocal, dance, and acting opportunities for our students."

The show serves as an artistic 'blank canvas' with a very modern, industrial, and impressive set design. A light show serves as a sort of playground for the scene work and innovative dancing, choreographed by Madeira alumnus, McKenna Flores.

Freshman Andrew Ramos has been cast as "Jesus." Sophomores Ty Smith and Ben Adams take on the roles of "John the Baptist" and "Judas" respectfully. They are joined by a total cast of 38 and technical crew of 15 MHS students. The musical number "Bless the Lord," will be performed by Conner Redden, with a vocal/guitar performance of "We Beseech Thee" featuring Ethan Henry. Stage managers include Jordan Brewer, Nina Domenick, Sophia Domenick, and Melissa Flores.

The show that originally took the theatre world by storm features a parade of beloved songs by three-time Grammy and Academy Award Winner, Stephen Schwartz (*Wicked, Pippin, Children of Eden.*) *Godspell* will be performed at Madeira's Medert Auditorium April 16 and 17 at 7 PM and Saturday, April 18 at 2 PM and 7 PM. Tickets are available online at seatyourself.biz/madeira (Adults \$10. Students \$8). A special performance free to senior citizens who reside in Madeira will be held Wednesday, April 15 at 10 AM with coffee in the MHS cafeteria beginning at 9 AM. An optional \$5 lunch will be held following the performance – for lunch reservations only please call 891-8222.



Cast members pictured (l to r): Row 1: Ava Mobley, Gabby DeMarco. Row 2: Lexi Born, Ben Adams, Andrew Ramos, Maddie Luther, Lindsey Dickess, and Isabel Powis