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*By Lydia Dean*

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ARKADELPHIA, Ark.—Ouachita Baptist University's Department of Theatre Arts will present the 2012 revival of "Godspell" by Stephen Schwartz from Thursday-Sunday, April 7-10, in Jones Performing Arts Center, 409 Ouachita Street. Shows begin April 7-9 at 7:30 p.m.; a matinee performance will be held April 10 at 2:30 p.m. The production is open to the public.

"Godspell" is structured as a series of parables primarily based on the Gospel of Matthew and includes songs reflecting a wide variety of musical theatre genres and influences.

"The audience can expect lots of silly and heartfelt moments," said director Matthew Murry, visiting assistant professor of



theatre at Ouachita. "I hope they embrace Jesus' messages of kindness and love."

The part of Jesus will be played by Noah Warford, a sophomore musical theatre major from North Little Rock, Ark.

"Without a doubt, the thing I'm most excited for the audience to see is the finale of the show, the crucifixion and its aftermath," Warford said. "The point of the entire production is to show the love and community that surrounds Jesus, which is super cool."

There are 31 Ouachita students in the cast and crew of "Godspell," with some of the roles double-cast to allow broader participation.

Sammy Campione, a senior musical theatre major from Waxahachie, Texas, plays John the Baptist—the man who prepares the way for Jesus—and Judas, the man who betrays Jesus.

"Being able to play a biblical character is an interesting experience," Campione said. "I grew up a preacher's kid. It's been a fun time revisiting in the theatre all these stories I was taught as a kid."

Tickets cost \$12 and can be purchased at [www.obu.edu/boxoffice](http://www.obu.edu/boxoffice) or weekdays from 1-5 p.m. at the Ouachita Box Office. Students who present their Ouachita ID upon purchase will receive one free ticket. For more information, contact the box office at (870) 245-5555.

#### CAST:

- **Jesus** – Noah Warford
- **John the Baptist/Judas** – Sammy Campione
- **Nick** – Brennon Humphry, a sophomore music industry major from Bryant, Ark.
- **Telly** – Matthew Mayfield, a junior vocal performance major from Tull, Ark., and Brandon Holloway, a freshman vocal performance major from Little Rock, Ark.
- **George** – Eli Butler, a sophomore musical theatre major from Greenwood, Ark., and Landon Denman, a junior theatre arts and history double major from Fort Worth, Texas
- **Anna Maria** – Kinsey Potts, a senior musical theatre major from Wylie, Texas
- **Lindsay** – Bella Owen, a junior musical theatre major from Jonesboro, Ark.
- **Uzo** – Ashlynn Lockhart, a senior musical theatre major from Holiday Island, Ark.
- **Morgan** – Amaya Hardin, a freshman musical theatre major from Maumelle, Ark.
- **Celisse** – Payton Mixon, a junior musical theatre major from New Caney, Texas
- **Socrates** – Julia Letcher, a junior musical theatre major from Plano, Texas
- **Thomas** – Mac Ricks, a junior musical theatre major from Carlisle, Ark.
- **Galileo** – Brandon Holloway and Matthew Mayfield
- **Hegel** – Sierra Hoss, a sophomore musical theatre major from Fouke, Ark.
- **Gibbon** – Maddy Moore, a sophomore musical theatre and theatre arts double major from Mesquite, Texas
- **Sartre** – Hayley Johnson, a junior theatre arts major from Hot Springs, Ark.
- **Hubbard** – Landon Denman and Eli Butler
- **Williamson** – Abby Burlison, a sophomore musical theatre major from Beebe, Ark.
- **Dance Captain** – Kenzie Burks, a sophomore theatre arts and education double major from Beebe, Ark.

#### CREW:

- **Stage Manager** – Kenna Handy, a senior musical theatre major from Fouke, Ark.
- **Assistant Stage Managers** – Kinder Hinrichs, a sophomore theatre arts major from Harrison, Ark., and Marion Webb, a sophomore theatre arts and secondary education double major from Austin, Texas

- **House Manager** – Mikenzie Blase, a junior theatre arts and secondary education double major from Nashville, Ark.
- **Publicity Crew Head** – Savannah Staggs, a sophomore speech communication/theatre arts and education double major from Little Rock, Ark.
- **Costume Crew Head** – Kailey May, a freshman musical theatre major from Russellville, Ark.
- **Makeup/Hair Crew Head** – Macey Coover, a freshman theatre arts and English double major from Springdale, Ark.
- **Props Crew Head** – Cassidy Bond, a sophomore from Bryant, Ark.
- **Dance Captain** – Kenzie Burks