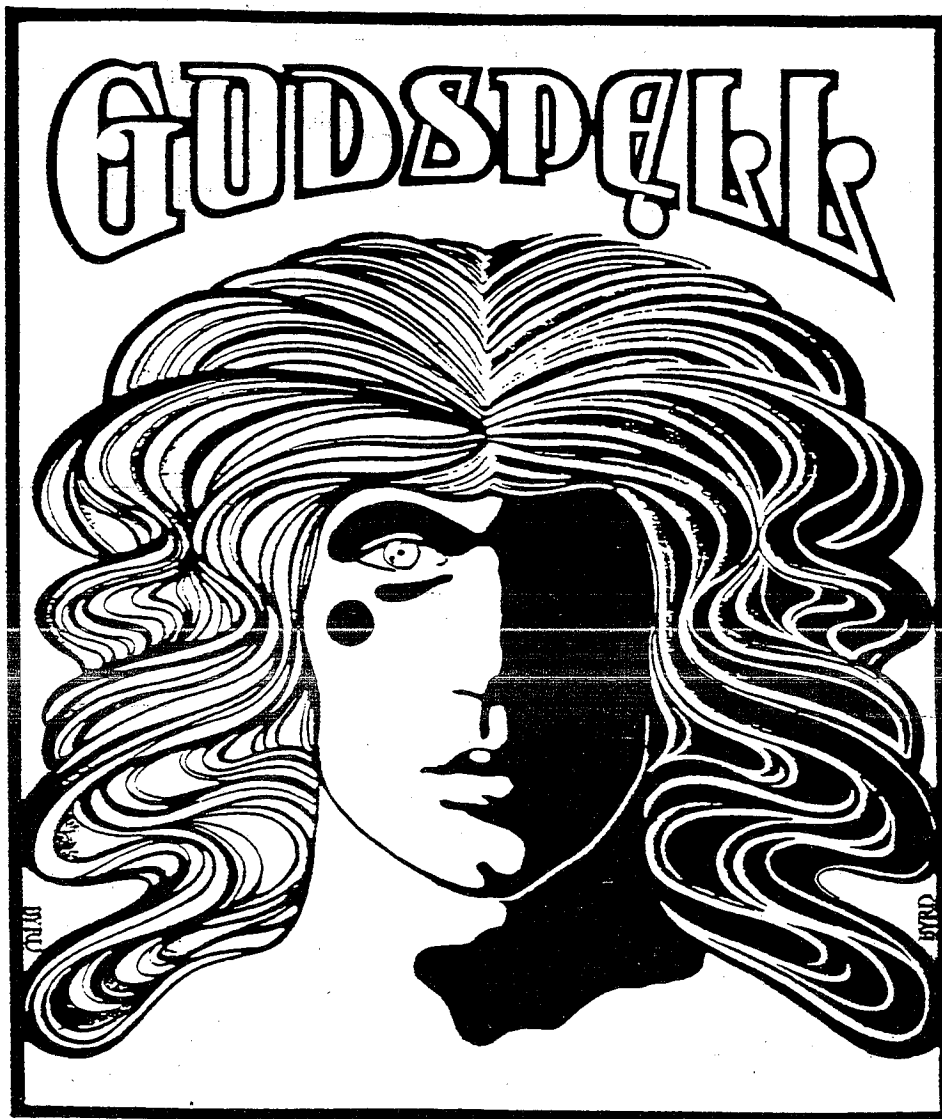




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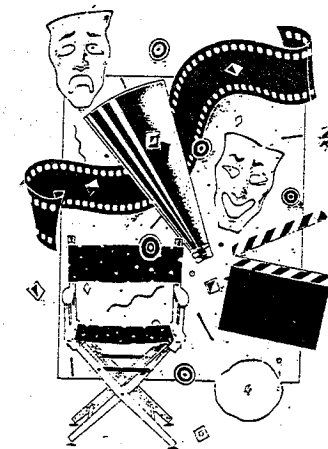
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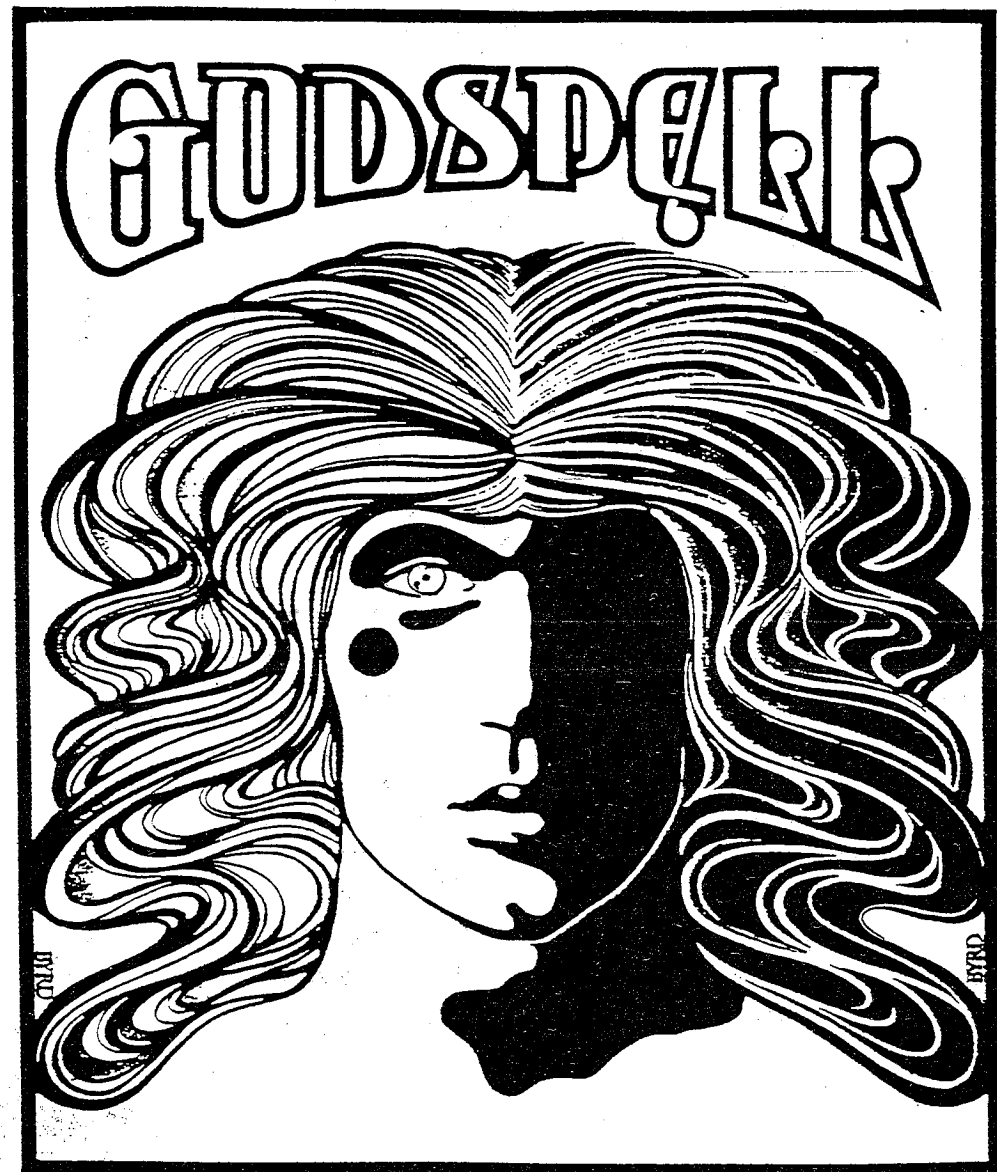
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About the Play . . .

Godspell, as conceived by John-Michael Tebelak, is a jubilant celebration of the Gospel as told by St. Matthew. Its conception was unusual. . . . Tebelak had been working on his masters thesis for the Carnegie Tech School of Drama, but was becoming disenchanted with it and took a break. He attended an Easter vigil service at an Anglican cathedral in hopes of being uplifted. Instead, he found a congregation who were bored by clergymen who were hurrying to get finished. He went home and wrote nonstop until *Godspell* was completed. The play was his attempt to create the religious experience he expected, but missed at the Easter vigil—an attempt to "weave God's spell over the audience."

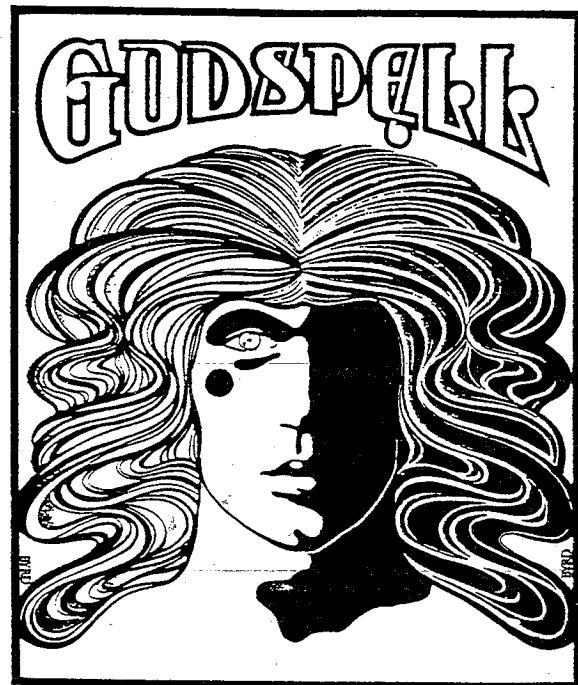
Godspell was dominated by amateurs from the beginning which makes its success surprisingly unprecedented. The cast were his schoolmates who put old Episcopal hymns to original music. The show played at Cafe La Mama, an experimental theatre in New York, in this form. Later that year, 1971, Stephen Schwartz, another classmate, was called in to write a score. He finished it in five weeks and *Godspell* opened at the Cherry Lane Theatre Off-Broadway on May 17, 1971—just a year after Tebelak attended the Easter vigil.

The prologue of the play make it clear that *Godspell* is about the experience of conversion, and how conversion affects those who experience it. The characters are drawn with more anonymity than other character of musical theatre—emphasizing the fact that anyone could have these experiences. Each character has a solo which is his/her response to the conversion and the audience identifies the cast by song rather than by name.

Harvey Cox, in his 1969 essay called the *Feast of Fools*, points out that there are many ways in which play and prayer are similar. He identifies four different types of prayers: supplication, intercession, thanksgiving and penitence and says that each can be understood as a form of play. Each type is represented in one or more songs in *Godspell*: supplication, *Day by Day*; intercession, *Save the People*; thanksgiving, *Bless the Lord and All Good Gifts*; and penitence, *We Beseech Thee*.

Although most view *Godspell* as a religious experience, Stephen Schwartz, the composer, never viewed it as a Christian play. He saw rather the idea of community and the need for people to understand and support each other which transcends any specific religion. Even so, the need to understand each other demands some type of conversion and the dramatization of that conversion is what makes the play successful.

Source: *The Broadway Musical*



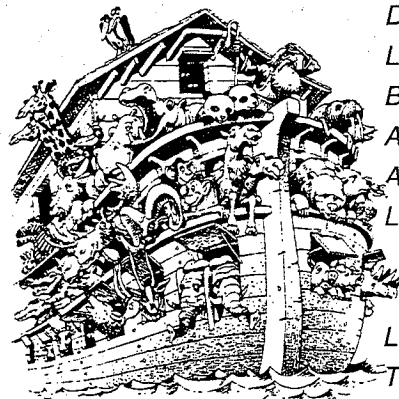
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ACT I

<i>Tower of Babble</i>	The Company
<i>Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord</i>	Michael Corley
<i>Save the People</i>	Jason Christ
<i>Day By Day</i>	Dawn Leslie Lenz
<i>Learn Your Lessons Well</i>	Stacey Garcia
<i>Bless the Lord</i>	Erinn Gavaghan
<i>All for the Best</i>	Jason Christ and Michael Corley
<i>All Good Gifts</i>	Jason Pierce
<i>Light of the World</i>	The Company

ACT II

<i>Learn Your Lessons Well</i>	Jason Pierce
<i>Turn Back, O Man</i>	Cat van Besoyen
<i>Alas for You</i>	Jason Christ
<i>By My Side</i>	Kristen Schumacher
<i>We Beseech Thee</i>	Trudy Bequette
<i>Day By Day (Reprise)</i>	The Company
<i>On the Willows</i>	Karin Bergmann, Barb Dohack, Lou Hunter, & Heather Martin
<i>Finale</i>	The Company



The Cast

In Alphabetical Order

Trudy Bequette	Erinn Gavaghan
Jason Christ	Dawn Leslie Lenz
Michael Corley	Jason Pierce
Dean Leftridge	Kristen Schumacher
Stacey Garcia	Cat van Besoyen

There will be a
15 minute intermission.

Directors

Director	Jane Sullivan
Musical Director	Paul Westcott
Choreographer	Sharon McGuire
Technical Director.....	Wes Robertson

Musicians

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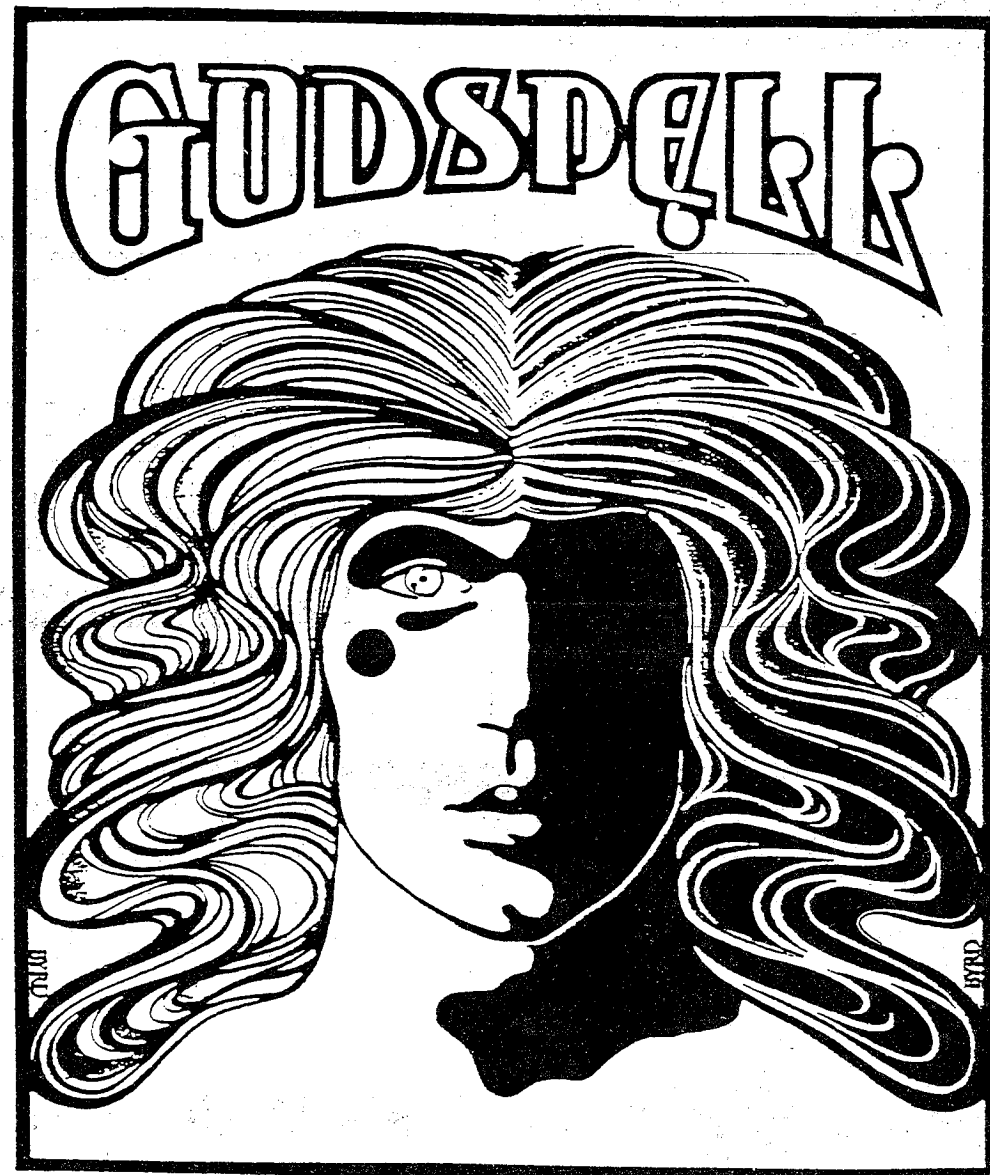
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Technical Crew

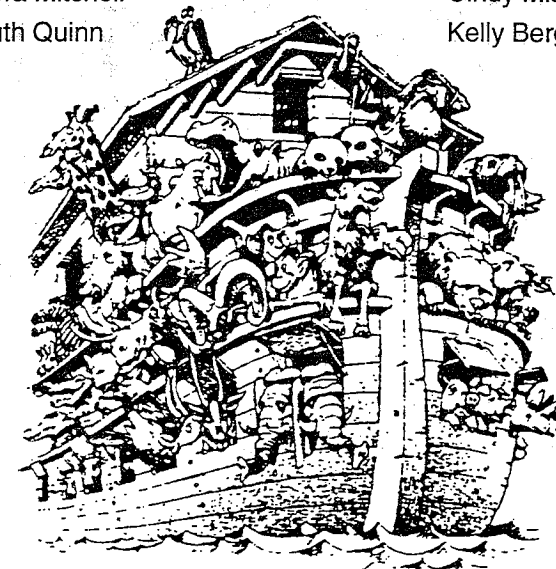
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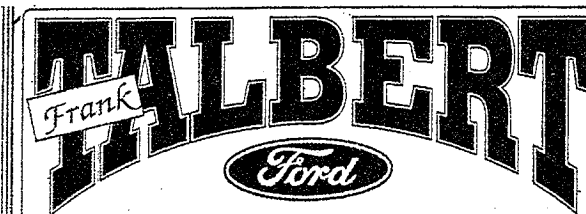
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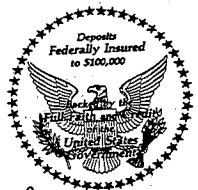
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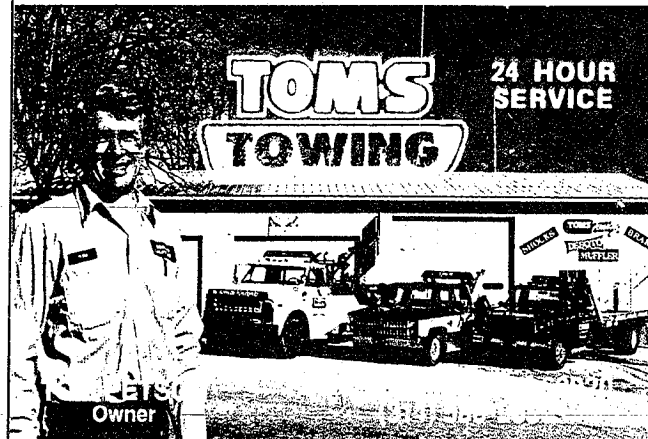
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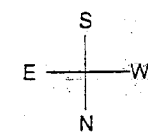
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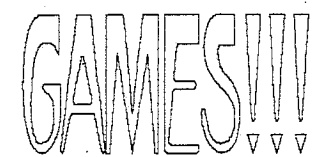
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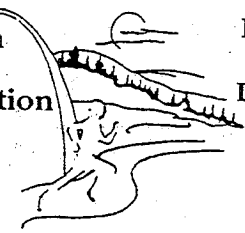
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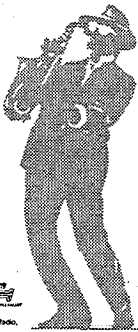
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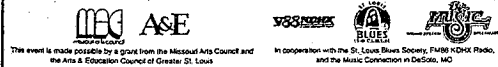
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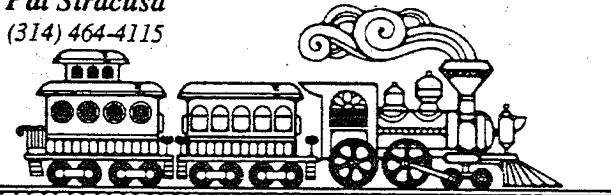
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