

Community Players Holding Auditions for Original Musical

The Springfield Community Players (SCP) announces auditions for the upcoming world premiere of a new musical, "The Serpent in the Desert". Auditions will be held on Saturday, March 9, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and on Sunday, March 10, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the SCP Studio on 165 South St, Springfield. The musical will be performed at the Studio on the weekends of June 21-23 and June 28-30.

"The Serpent in the Desert" is a modern re-telling of the events in the life of Jesus Christ, spanning the Triumphant Entry to Jerusalem to his death and resurrection the following Sunday, told from the perspective of the Biblical eye witnesses of Nicodemus, Joseph of Arimathea, and Caiaphas, the high priest. The original script and 15 original songs are the work of Philip Turner and Carol Clark, both residents of Charlestown, Val Woodbury of Springfield is the Director/Choreographer and Parker Eastman, also of Springfield, is the Music Director.

The musical features a cast that can range from 15 to 21 actor/singers (9-12 male, 6-9 female) with a Chorus of 12, mostly youth-35. The Chorus can accommodate more members, if desired. Besides the major acting roles of Nicodemus, Joseph of Arimathea, and Caiaphas, there are roles for Judas, Centurion, Pilate, Pilate's wife, Mother Mary, and Mary Magdalene, all of whom have at least one song of their own. Finally, there is a voice-only role for Jesus.

Youth of high-school age and adults of all ages and types are invited to audition. Please bring a song and a couple copies of its sheet music to sing. For more information, email hairerval@vermontel.net. If either of the announced audition times is inconvenient, please call Val Woodbury at 802-885-5284 to make an appointment.