

'The Serpent in the Desert': telling the story of Jesus

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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — Join the Springfield Community Players as they present an original musical performance this theatre season! "The Serpent in the Desert: is a modern dramatization of the events of Jesus Christ, spanning his entry into Jerusalem to his death and resurrection. This drama is seen through the eyes of Biblical witnesses Nicodemus, Joseph of Arimathea, and Caiaphas, the high priest.

"The Serpent in the Desert" includes 15 original songs, composed and written by local Carol Clark. Phil Turner, local and first-time playwright, wrote the script. Together, this will be their first year joining the Springfield Community Players as show makers! Val Woodbury has joined

them as director and choreographer. Woodbury has been involved with a number of Springfield Community Player productions in the past. Joining the ranks is Mike Kelly, as musical director.

For "The Serpent in the Desert" the actors are as follows: Caiaphas - Chuck Austin, Nicodemus - Mike Delaney, Joseph - Alex Baker, Jesus (voice) - Allyn Johnson, Judas - Matt Hunter, Centurion - Ryan Baker, Pilate - Jack Chandler, Pilate's Wife - Deb Robling, Mother Mary - Kay Burge, Mary Magdalene - Abbie Baker, Chorus members are Ruth Pratt, Cindy Hall, and Chuck Anderson.

For those interested in attending, "The Serpent in the Desert" has a run time of 1 hour and 40 minutes, plus an intermission.

"We hope that the community will gain new



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The full cast of 'The Serpent of the Desert' (above) and a better look at the beautiful costuming in this production, which opens June 21 at the Players' Studio in Springfield.



insight concerning Jesus' mission among us, while at the same time enjoying a delightful two hours of music and theater," Turner said.

Please come out to the Players' Studio on South Street in Springfield for this original musical! Tickets are \$12 for students and seniors and \$15 for adults. Make res-

ervations online at www.springfieldcommunityplayers.org/tickets or by calling the Ticket Box Office 866-967-8167, noon to 8 p.m. seven days a week. Show dates are June 21, 22, 28, and 29 with doors opening at 6:30 p.m., for the 7 p.m. show and June 23 with doors opening at 1:30 p.m. for the 2 p.m. show.