



# Musical Theatre



March 22, 2010

## The "ascension" at Rocky Hock

***By His Stripes*** opened on Thursday and it's a hit for sure. This new Easter musical by Gloria Emmerich is another gem and the cast is doing an outstanding job. We don't usually take photographs until later in the run but we didn't want to keep the ascension a secret. So, we took a few pictures on Saturday to share with you in this newsletter. We've posted a great one below.

We've never been able to reenact the ascension of Christ before...though I have dreamed of it for years. Building owner, friend, and now (mechanical genius) Tim Hardison and I put our heads together and figured out how to make the grandest finale of them all a reality!! The old theatre in Edenton just didn't have the overhead clearance for an ascension. But, when we moved into the new building in Washington I knew the potential was there and I couldn't get it out of my head. We wanted to make it happen last year but with time restraints due to the remodel it was not possible to pull it off.

***We figured it out*** and the ascension reenactment is stunning. When standing in the reception line at the end of performances people are telling us they feel "caught up" and as if they were actually there...not just in the ascension, but also in Gethsemane, at Calvary, and at the tomb when Jesus is resurrected. The music is extraordinary and we hope you all make time to come to Washington to see this production. Our friend Mason Chalkley from Richmond said after the premiere, "I hate coming here to Washington...***because I never want to leave after the show is over.***" (We miss you ***ALL*** between productions!!) It's like seeing old friends when so many of you return season after season. Don't stay away long!

***By His Stripes*** runs for another month and doesn't close until April 17. Please don't put off making plans to attend. Performances are on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Our prayer is that you come along, enjoy a meal at our restaurant (Mrs. Cromley's Country Buffet), and take in the very finest Easter show we have ever produced. We firmly believe that children need to see this show too. It might just be the "visual anchor" they need to hold on to in this morally diluted world in which we live!! Pray about it. We hope to see you soon.

Be sure to visit our website: [www.rockyhockplayhouse.com](http://www.rockyhockplayhouse.com). The Box Office number is: (252 482-4621).

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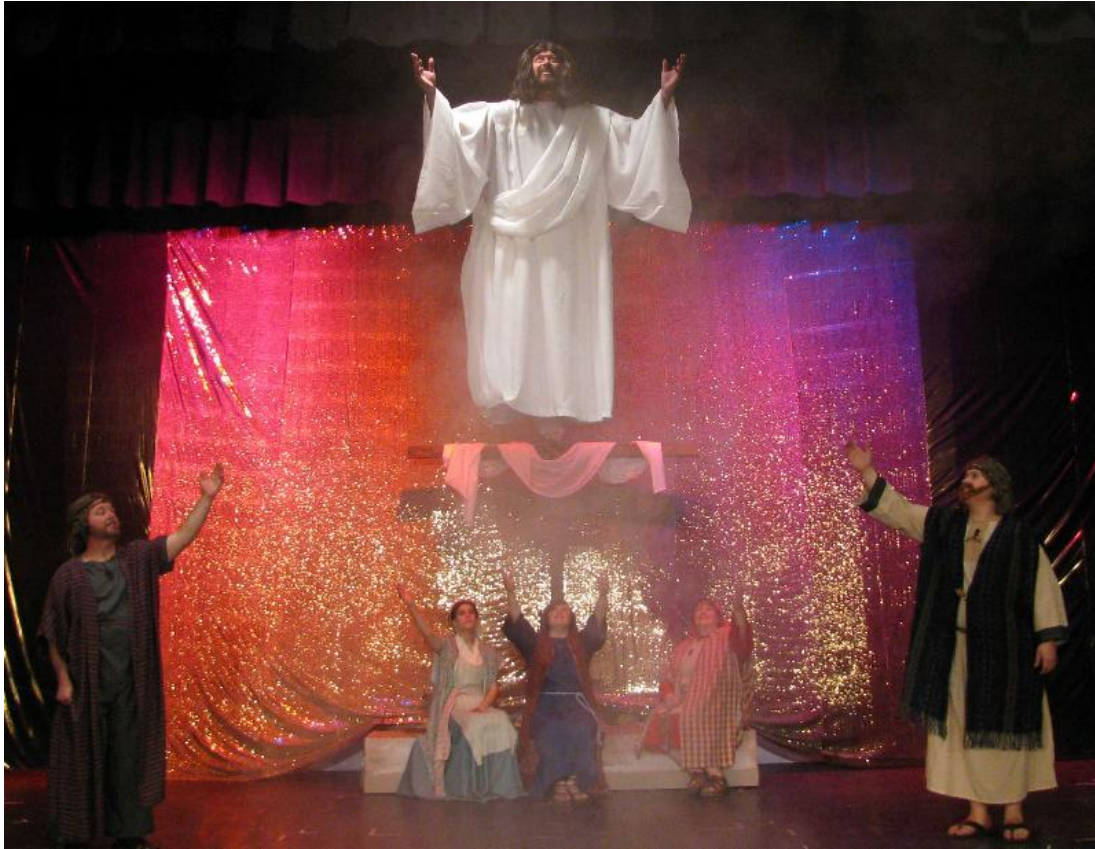
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## ***By His Stripes***



The Word became flesh and lived among us! What a powerful statement. Yet, this is just what Jesus did. In this new musical by Gloria Emmerich you will meet His friends and His enemies; people He both lived and died for. His is a powerful story of passion, compassion, love, and revelation. This musical reenactment of Jesus' life, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension will help you know without a doubt that He is the Christ - the Victor!

**Don't miss this show!**  
**March 18 through April 17, 2010**  
**Tuesdays & Thursdays at 2pm**  
**Saturdays at 10:30am, 2pm, and 6pm**

***David***  
***(A man after God's own Heart)***

Who was this boy in the field tending sheep? What childhood visions and rapturous, heavenly worship did he cherish in the recesses of his mind and memory, and then carry into adulthood? David was a child of vision and a man of resolution and determination. His passions, sometimes nearly out of control, were constantly harnessed and redirected by the living God of Israel. As shepherd, as warrior, as friend, as husband, and



as king, David was filled with zeal. He was wounded in spirit by Saul's jealousy, Jonathan's death, and Michal's betrayal. But, never ever was he defeated. David made mistakes, yet his heart was full of adoration for the Father. No one else in scripture was ever portrayed as, "A man after God's own heart." This musical by Gloria Emmerich is a treasure. We have so much to learn from David... a man whose spirit was fashioned after God's own heart.

**July 15 through August 14**  
**Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2pm**  
**Saturdays at 10:30am, 2pm, and 6pm**

## Mrs. Cromley's Country Buffet

Our new theatre features an on-site buffet restaurant called "Mrs. Cromley's Country Buffet." The cost is just \$10.75 for adults and \$7.75 for children 5 - 12 years old. Theatre tickets and meal reservations for our buffet should be made through the box office. Reservations and full payment are required in advance. Restaurant seating begins at 11:45am. Please confirm your arrival time with our box office at the time of booking. Our "all you can eat" buffet includes many of your favorite southern dishes, along with a beverage and dessert.



Our singing actors are often your servers, and you may even be greeted by "Mrs. Cromley" herself!

(Tax and Gratuity are extra.)