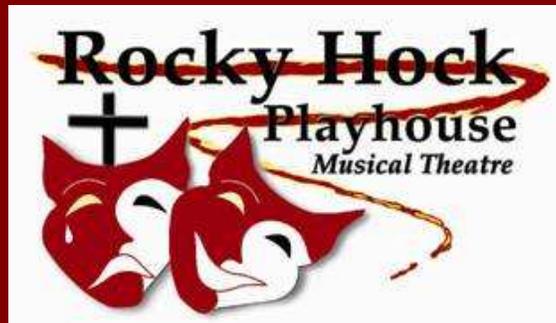




## **PRESS RELEASE**



**Now in our 13th year!**

**RELEASE DATE: November 2, 2012**

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**RE: The Rocky Hock Playhouse to present *Let Us Adore Him***

**Rocky Hock Playhouse**

**Mailing Address:**

**P.O. Box 322**

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**Theatre physical address and location:**

**749 Virginia Rd.**

**Edenton, NC 27932**

**Box Office Phone: (252) 482-4621**

**[www.rockyhockplayhouse.com](http://www.rockyhockplayhouse.com)**

**Production: *Let Us Adore Him* by Gloria Emmerich**

Performances will be held on selected dates November 17 through December 15, 2012 in Edenton, NC with a buffet lunch/dinner starting at 12:00pm or 6:00pm and performances following. The theatre is located at Leon Nixon Catering & Banquet Facilities in Edenton, NC. Ticket prices are as follows: Adults - \$28.95, Seniors - \$27.95, Children - \$21.95, Group A (10-24 people) - \$26.95, and Group B (25+ people) - \$25.95 (plus tax and gratuity). Ticket price includes both the performance and buffet at our Edenton location. Two special performances will be held at Englewood Baptist Church in Rocky Mount at 2pm and 7pm on Friday, December 14. Performances in Rocky Mount are "show only." For more information contact the Rocky Hock Playhouse Box Office: (252) 482-4621.

The Rocky Hock Playhouse is a full time professional theatre located in Edenton, NC.

### **STORY:**

The Rocky Hock Playhouse is presenting their Christmas production of *Let Us Adore Him* November 17 through December 15, 2012. Owners, Jeff and Gloria Emmerich, have partnered with Leon Nixon to create one of NE North Carolina's only professional dinner theatre venues. Since relocating the theatre back to Edenton from Washington NC last year a majority of the Rocky Hock Playhouse

performances have been sold out. The theatre has entertained over 250,000 patrons since it opened 13 years ago.

The story of Christ's birth is a powerful one. Each year the Rocky Hock Playhouse works hard to find a new angle to the age old story. Characters in this year's musical include Mary, Joseph, Mary's parents, Elizabeth, Zechariah, Gabriel, and Joseph's sister, Joannah, who is Mary's best friend. Shortly after their betrothal, Mary and Joseph meet to make plans for what is sure to be a long and happy life together. A short time later Mary is visited by the angel Gabriel who tells her she is to be the mother of "God's own Son." Terrified, Mary tells her mother who, although in shock, soon comes to believe that Mary is telling the truth. Problems arise when Mary tells her father who is much more skeptical. Joseph too is shocked by the news and is left bewildered and dismayed after hearing Mary's story. Only her mother and her dearest friend, Joannah, believe her and do their best to help Mary through this trying time.

Mary, her mother, and friend Joannah soon depart Nazareth for Judea where they visit their comical yet wise relatives Elizabeth and Zechariah. Elizabeth, in her wisdom, comforts Mary and is able to assure her that she is indeed in God's will and that Joseph will no doubt soon accept the truth and follow through with their pending marriage.

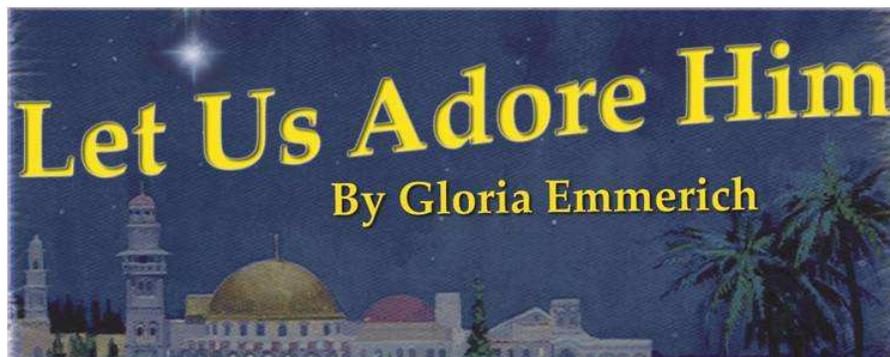
Upon returning to Nazareth Mary again encounters Joseph but discovers that Joseph does now believe her incredible story because he too was visited by an angel. While sleeping Joseph is told that he must believe Mary and that what she told him about her miraculous conception is all true.

The story ends with the birth of Christ in that cold and lonely stable in Bethlehem. The joy that the shepherds and angels shared on that night long ago will reverberate at the Rocky Hock Playhouse this Christmas season.

The Rocky Hock Playhouse is one of only a few full time professional Christian theatres on the East Coast.

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## ***Let Us Adore Him Cast:***



**Gloria Emmerich** (*Elizabeth*) was born in Newport, Oregon and is the resident musical director, playwright, lyricist, and composer at the Playhouse. She has written over 65 full length musicals—many of which are being performed around the world today. Gloria appears in all Rocky Hock productions. She earned a **Bachelor of Music Degree** and **Master of Music Degree in Vocal Performance** from San Diego State University. Gloria and her husband Jeff started the original theatre in Edenton in 2000.



**Jeff Emmerich** (*Joseph*) was born in Bend, Oregon and co-owns the Rocky Hock Playhouse with his wife Gloria. He was previously head of the drama department at North Central University in Minneapolis, MN and is currently the drama director at College of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City, NC. Jeff appears in all Playhouse productions and is our stage director and set designer. He earned a **Bachelor of Music Degree in Vocal Performance** and a **Master of Fine Arts Degree in Musical Theatre** from San Diego State University.



**Mindi Luton Cunningham** (*Joannah* - Joseph's sister) was born in Baltimore, MD and has lived in Elizabeth City, NC since she was seven. She is currently a sophomore at COA working on an **Associates of Fine Arts Degree with a concentration in Theatre**. Mindi played the role of Bellomy in the COAST Players spring 2012 production of *The Fantasticks* and Kate Keller in the fall 2012 production of *The Miracle Worker*. Mindi plays the drums, piano, guitar, sings, and is inspired by her husband Dave and two children Mollie and Ethan.



**Holly Emmerich** (*Anna* - Mary's Mother) was born in San Diego, CA. She is a theatre veteran and has appeared in over 30 professional productions. Holly recently graduated from ECSU in Elizabeth City, NC where she earned a **Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education**. While attending Haskell University Holly was the president of the renowned Native American Thunderbird Theatre in Lawrence, KS. In addition to her work with the Playhouse as both actor and house manager she is also the supervisor of a ladies group home in Washington, NC. Holly is part of the Emmerich Family Quartet and has toured and performed in the US, Puerto Rico, and Germany. She is featured as a soloist on many Rocky Hock Playhouse CDs.



**Mariah Schierer** (*Mary*) is originally from Greene, Maine and is an accomplished dancer, actor, and singer. She is a legitimate “triple threat” and we’re honored to have her on our stage. She has been with the company now for the past two years. Mariah earned a **Bachelor of Arts Degree in Dance** from Dean College. Professional experience includes work with several theatres here on the east coast and she toured with VEE Corp as Harmony Bear in Care Bears Live. Mariah and Nathan were married in May and make their home in Edenton.



**Nathan Schierer** (*Gabriel*) is originally from Fillmore, NY. He is a graduate of Houghton College where he earned a **Bachelor of Music Degree in Vocal Performance**. Nathan is also our box office, office, and road manager. He has been with the company now for three and a half years and has played major roles in over a dozen main-stage productions. Nathan is gifted with a beautiful voice and we know you'll enjoy his role in this year's Christmas production.



**Darryl Stallings** (*Zechariah / Joachim - Mary's father*) has lived all of his life in Eastern North Carolina. He attended Holmes Bible College in Greenville, SC. Darryl is part of the stock company of players in Edenton at the Rocky Hock Playhouse. Darryl is married to Wanda and they have two beautiful children, Charity and Nathaniel. Darryl has raised thousands of dollars for charities through his singing ministry over the past 25 years. He's a good friend, an excellent actor, and polished singer. Darryl is also the minister of music at Ebenezer Baptist Church in South Mills, NC.