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**The Rocky Hock Playhouse**  
**Washington, North Carolina**  
**presents**

***Paul, Fearless Lion of God***



**July 12 through August 11, 2011**

Rocky Hock Playhouse  
Mailing Address:  
P.O. Box 322  
Edenton, NC 27932

Theatre physical address and location:  
230 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Washington, NC 27889

**RELEASE DATE: June 29, 2011**

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Production: ***Paul, Fearless Lion of God***

Written by: Gloria Emmerich

Directed by: Jeffrey Emmerich

Performances are July 12 through August 11, 2011 / Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2:00pm, and Saturdays at 10:30am, 2:00pm, and 6:00pm.

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

### **STORY:**

The Rocky Hock Playhouse in Washington, NC is mounting ***Paul, Fearless Lion of God*** as its large-scale summer musical. The show opens on July 12 and runs through August 11, 2011. Several local personalities as well as others from out of state make up the cast of actors and singers. A number of talented college students who are senior drama majors at various universities across the nation will be involved in the production.

The Rocky Hock Playhouse is one of only a few full time professional Christian theatres on the East Coast. They have entertained over 230,000 people since opening full time in 2000. Over 30,000 people have attended performances in Washington since the theatre relocated there from Edenton in January of 2009. This production will feature new costumes, sets, lighting designs, and a full rich score penned by Gloria Emmerich.

All ages will enjoy this famous story about the Apostle Paul. Jeff Emmerich (director) says, "Paul was perhaps the most influential man who lived in the first century. His writings comprise nearly half of the New Testament. Paul's life is worth revisiting and this production is both inspirational and entertaining. Nobody will leave the theatre without being profoundly touched by both the story and the music."

**Synopsis:** Paul originally went by the name of Saul. He was an extraordinary man; a Pharisee, rabbi, philosopher, Hebrew, *and* a Roman citizen. Saul was known in his day by the followers of Christ as a "persecutor of the church." The musical begins with the dramatic stoning and martyrdom of Stephen which was overseen by Saul. Soon after, Saul converts to Christianity and begins to go by the Roman counterpart of his name – Paul.

The antagonist in the story is Paul's sister. She was a historic figure mentioned in the bible. Being a staunch Jewish woman she initially rejects Saul because of his new found faith in Christ. Her own conversion to Christianity at the end of the story is moving.

Paul became the "apostle to the gentiles" and his journeys are well documented in the bible and in the musical. His relationship with Barnabas, his niece, and many familiar biblical characters are all part of the neatly woven plot of *Paul, Fearless Lion of God*. Paul was shipwrecked, stoned, beaten, and jailed due to the opposition he received because of his conversion and his evangelistic missions. Paul himself is martyred at the end of the show which has a profound impact on audiences.

Reservations may be made by calling (252) 482-4621. Visit [www.rockyhockplayhouse.com](http://www.rockyhockplayhouse.com) for specials and information.

Tickets: \$9 - \$18 (senior, group, and children's discounts are available).

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## The Directors:



**Gloria Emmerich (*Composer/Playwright/Musical Director*)** was born in Newport, Oregon and is the resident musical director, playwright, lyricist, and composer at the Playhouse. She has written over 55 full length musicals—many of which are being performed around the world today. Gloria appears in all RHP productions and plays Daphne, Paul's sister in this production of *Paul, Fearless Lion of God*. She earned a Bachelor of Music Degree and Master of Music Degree in Vocal Performance from San Diego State University.



**Jeff Emmerich (*Director*)** 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 currently teaches in the drama department at College of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City. Jeff appears in all Playhouse productions and is also the company's 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.