

About The Promise

EXPERIENCE THE GOSPEL LIKE YOU'VE NEVER EXPERIENCED BEFORE.

In 1984, the dream began, a dream of introducing a loving, laughing, approachable Jesus to the world in a casual, outdoor environment. This dream became a reality with the opening of The Promise in November of 1989. What began as a passion play has become an exciting, live musical drama, a Texas tourist destination, and a powerful testimony to the entire world.

The Promise was originally developed by Word Music in cooperation with Kingdom Development Company from the original script by Jan Dargatz and with music produced by Gary Rhodes. Narrated by a grandfather and his grandchildren, the story begins on the banks of the Paluxy River in historical Glen Rose, Texas. When the topic of conversation changes from dinosaur tracks to the upcoming birth of the grandchildren's youngest sibling, they are reminded that every life is special to God. In fact, one baby was so special, God gave Him as "A Promise".

As the grandfather begins to sing about this Promised One, they find themselves among the prophets of The Old Testament foretelling the Life of Christ. As grandpa continues, they are later present at the birth place of Jesus, in the midst of shepherds and kings.

Straight out of the pages of scripture, the narrators and audience witness the birth, life, death, resurrection and triumphant ascension of Jesus Christ. Utilizing an award-winning musical score, live animals, and a cast and crew of over 150 dedicated Christians, The Promise is sure to be the most memorable theater experience of a lifetime.

SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

The continuing production of The Promise at the Texas Amphitheatre continues a long tradition of outdoor religious dramas. In 1633 the residents of Oberammergau, Germany vowed to continue presenting their local passion play every ten years as a vow to God in return for being spared from the plague. The Oberammergau Passion Play will be performed again in 2010.

The United States have had passion plays for over three quarters of a century. Some of the most attended performances have been The Black Hills Passion Play in Spearfish, South Dakota, and The Great Passion Play in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. The Promise is a musical, which is what sets it aside from all the other American passion plays. The producers of this musical seek to creatively present the essence of the story of Jesus, while upholding the theological, historical and scriptural integrity of the production. The theatrical structure of the script provides a unique opportunity to present the story of the life of Jesus whenever, and wherever the opportunity arises.

In 1993 The Promise became the first Christian production to be allowed into the former Soviet Union. In 1994, The Promise returned to the Kremlin State Palace for a tour of encore performances. In 1996 a sister organization opened The Promise at the Will Rogers Theatre in Branson, Missouri. That production continued seasonally through 2002. The Promise continued internationally in Seoul Korea at the Olympic Stadium and was performed in South Africa as well as other countries around the world. Continuing productions stateside include New York City, NY, a new adaptation in Branson, MO, and the original production right here in Glen Rose, TX.

COME SEE THE PROMISE UNDER THE BEAUTIFUL TEXAS AUTUMN EVENING STARS AT THE TEXAS AMPHITHEATRE IN GLEN ROSE, TX.

The Promise is performed in the largest permanent outdoor stage in the state. The Texas Amphitheatre is an impressive 3,200 seat venue designed for The Promise to create a perfect atmosphere for this remarkable production. In addition, it is a host to many features exclusive to outdoor theaters throughout the nation. When implemented, it gives you, the viewer, an experience unlike any other.

The story of the Life of Christ is timeless. The performance season, however, is not. In 2010, The Promise will be celebrating its 22nd season in Glen Rose, Texas with 18 scheduled performances on Friday and Saturday evenings starting September 3rd and continuing through October 30th. For more information about the performances please visit our FAQ section.

