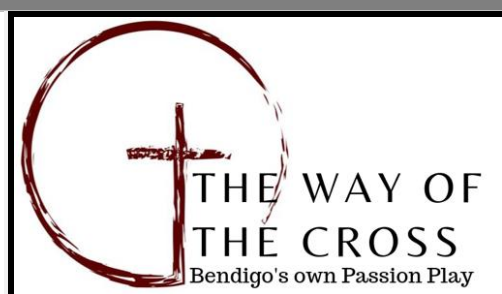


Information Sheet



Good Friday
April 15 2022

The **Way of the Cross (WOTC)** is a live outdoor presentation of the events of the last few days of Jesus' life on Earth, including the last supper, his arrest, trial, crucifixion and resurrection. This Passion Play is similar to other performances that are held through the world and in particular the world renown production at Oberammergau. The goal of this project is to tell the true foundational story of Easter and challenge our audience to consider anew the authority and divinity of Jesus. This project is being partly funded by Bendigo Easter fair committee as a part of the 150th Celebration and has the support of the GCOB Council, Bendigo Christian churches and local community organisations.

Where it is to be staged

The performance is planned for the forecourt and surrounds of the Capital Theatre, View Street and will include professional lighting and sound. The Bendigo Council will arrange for both sides of View Street to be closed to traffic from the Rowan St. roundabout to McKenzie St. for the performance. Most of the performance will be acted on a large stage area constructed on the steps of the Capital with smaller specific areas located adjacently.

Onstage Acting Roles needed.

We are looking for adult actors, mostly males. Auditions for speaking parts are set for Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th February 2022 and will be held at the Baptist Church, Junortoun from 7.30pm – 9.30pm. Final details will be confirmed on our Facebook page. Auditionees may be required to read some script in groups or individually for the casting panel. Cast will then be required to rehearse Wednesday evenings (7.30 – 9.30 according to a schedule.) starting early March. There will also be crowd parts that don't require any line learning. There will be a full-dress rehearsal on Easter Thursday 14th of April starting at 6.00pm. We are asking that the age limit for actors is 18+ but if we find we need additional cast we may consider including people from 16+ who audition well.

Onstage Roles	Age	Onstage Roles	Age
Jesus	30+	Mary – mother of Jesus	35+
John	30-40	Martha and Mary - Sisters	25-45
Simon Peter	25-35	Caiaphas – High Priest	50+
Judas	25-35	Malchus – slave, chief of staff to Caiaphas	30-50
Thomas	30-40	Annas – former High Priest, father-in-law to Caiaphas	60+
Other disciples - male and female (8-10)	Varying ages	Jewish Priests – Mordecai. Benjamin. Ruben	3-50+
Pontius Pilate – Roman dictator	50+		

CHORUS - Parts with lines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 witnesses • People around a fire - Peter's denial • 2 thieves crucified with Jesus • 4-6 Roman Guards & Soldiers 	Adults, any age.	CHORUS – Crowd parts with no lines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crowd at trial. • Crowd at the arrest /fight scene • Crowd at the end for the resurrection 	Adults, any age.
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To make contact for an audition contact Director on 0418184214 Vern Wall or email us an expression of interest to wotcbendigo@gmail.com

Offstage Production Roles needed.

We need people to help in different teams –

- Properties - creating/collecting/buying props (swords / knives / a table of foods / torches).
- Set construction – on the evening before Good Friday
- Costumes - create/update/repair the period costumes, particularly Roman details.
- Makeup - design and apply the needed make-up.
- On-The Day – coordinate the construction and movement of sets / props / people / audience
- Promotion - maintain the Facebook page

To be involved, contact Richard Murphy on 0418511791

Additional Information

The performance will involve a range of acting spaces with the transition between scenes involving the use of significant pieces of recorded music and lighting effects. The audience will be encouraged at times to be involved with the performance as the actors move from scene to scene.

How to donate and provide financial help

We are committed to creating a high-quality presentation and although we have received some financial assistance from the Bendigo Easter Fair and local churches the cost of producing such an event is considerable. If you are able to assist with this in any way all donations will be greatly appreciated.

Donations can be made to your church representative, or a bank-to-bank transfer (**Acc Name: Way of the Cross. Bendigo Bank. BSB: 633000 Acc/No: 167946524**) or by cheque to *PO Box 779 Bendigo 3552*

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