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New London Barn Playhouse Presents GODSPELL June 14-25

*Conceived and originally directed by John-Michael Tebelak
Music and new lyrics by Stephen Schwartz*

What: GODSPELL

When: June 14-25

Where: The New London Barn Playhouse, 84 Main Street, New London, NH 03257

Directed by: Carol Dunne++

Choreographed by: Kyle Brand*

Music Directed by: Nicholas Connors

GODSPELL is the dramatic retelling of the life and times of Jesus of Nazareth, based on the Gospel of Matthew. Originally created as a college project in 1970 by John-Michael Tebelak, when composer and Barn Alum Stephen Schwartz joined the team it became an international hit. *Godspell* is a timeless story of friendship and loyalty based on the Gospel of Matthew, and includes hits like "Day by Day," "Prepare Ye the Way Of The Lord," and "Beautiful City." The film version, starring Victor Garber as Jesus, premiered in 1973, and *GODSPELL* opened on Broadway in 1976 and was recently revived in 2011.

The Barn's first mainstage production feature the talents of Barn family members both returning and new. Carol Dunne++, Artistic Director of Northern Stage and former Artistic Director of the Barn, returns to the Barn to direct *GODSPELL*. Joining Carol on the creative team are Barn Alumni Kyle Brand (*Spamalot* at the Barn, *Mama Mia* at Northern Stage) as Choreographer and Emily Kimball (2016's *Brigadoon* and *How to Succeed...*) as Costume Designer. Returning cast members include Taylor Wright as Jesus (2014 Acting Intern Company) and Kyra Kennedy* as a featured soloist (2012 Acting Intern Company). And, as always, filling out the cast is our incredible 2017 Acting Intern Company, who bring stand-out performances to this unique, ensemble-driven show.

GODSPELL runs for two weeks, Wednesday through Sunday (June 14-18), and Tuesday through Sunday (June 20-25). Evening performances are at 7:30 Tuesday through Saturday and 5:00 pm on Sunday. Wednesday matinees are at 2:00 pm. Tickets range from \$19.50-\$40.00, with Student Rush tickets available for \$16.50. Please call 603-526-6710 or visit us at www.nlbarn.org to purchase seats.

++Member of the Stage Directors and Choreographers Society

*Member of Actors' Equity Association

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The New London Barn Playhouse is one of the oldest continuously operating summer theaters in the country. Housed in an historic converted barn, the Barn has received countless accolades. Tickets at www.nlbarn.org or by phone at 603-526-6710.

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