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## **The Great Passion Play named on USA Today's**

### **"10 Best Outdoor Concert Venues You Shouldn't Miss"**

(EUREKA SPRINGS, AR) – "America's #1 Attended Outdoor Drama" has just received another distinction as one of USA Today's "10 Best Outdoor Concert Venues You Shouldn't Miss." The USA Today's 10Best.com site says, "Performed since 1968 in the beautiful Ozark Mountains in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, the last week of Christ's life is rendered in a large-scale dramatic production by 170 actors in a multi-level amphitheater setting. The live animals are a nice touch. Through October."

"We are honored to be named one of the 10 Best Outdoor Venues by USA Today's 10Best.com," said Randall Christy, CEO of the Passion Play. "The Play is certainly enough to receive the accolades all by itself, but our outdoor concerts this year and last have been very well received." In June, the Play hosted Gospel Music concerts which featured such acts as Red Roots, the Freeman's, the Greenes, the Nelons, and many others. Christy added, "The beautiful outdoor setting as the sun sets with the beautiful Ozark Mountains and the Christ of the Ozarks in the background simply cannot be beat."

Besides the Play and concerts, The Great Passion Play grounds hold a variety of other events. "I am excited to invite my good friend Arch Bonnema to present the Two Arks Conference: Noah's Ark and the Ark of the Covenant," Christy said. "Last year, Arch gave a conference on Noah's Ark that was very insightful, and I wanted to invite him back

this year to share more.” The conference will take place on Saturday, July 19 at 10:00am in the Great Hall on the grounds of The Great Passion Play. Tickets are \$10 for the conference and breakfast or free with the purchase of a Play or Holy Land ticket. The conference will examine Bonnema’s extensive search for Noah’s Ark and the Ark of the Covenant. “These possible ark fragments and other artifacts make for an intriguing presentation, and there will be an opportunity to ask questions,” Christy said.

The Play also plans to sponsor a concert in the Eureka Springs City Auditorium on August 14 at 7:00pm featuring “All Things New.” The band is a Christian band from Orlando, Florida. They produced their first full-length studio album last year with BEC Recordings. “This should be a very fun concert,” Kent Butler, the Play’s Director of Marketing and Public Relations said. Fans across the country were introduced to All Things New in 2013 as they toured 30+ dates with Newsboys on their spring “God’s Not Dead Tour” and as well as in the fall with the Rhett Walker Band “Come to the River Tour.” “This group of four guys even did a concert a couple of weeks ago at Saddleback Church,” Butler said. Saddleback Church is pastored by Rick Warren, the author of The Purpose Driven Life, and is one of the largest mega-churches in America. “They are starting to be associated with very big name acts.”

For information on the Two Arks Conference, All Things New in Concert, the Play, or the many other upcoming special events go to [GreatPassionPlay.org](http://GreatPassionPlay.org) or call 800-882-7529.



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