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**Great Passion Play concludes its 51<sup>st</sup> Year with Special Events**

(EUREKA SPRINGS, AR) – The Great Passion Play concludes its 51<sup>st</sup> year with a Heroes Appreciation Night on Friday, October 25, 2019 honoring military (active and vets), police, firefighters, EMT, and first responders. Free Play tickets will be available for the service person AND for the immediate family.

"Last year, we celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the Passion Play," shared Randall Christy, Executive Director of The Great Passion Play. "We are excited to close out the 51<sup>st</sup> year with a HEROES weekend, a Service and Military Appreciation on Friday, October 25, 2019." Christy continued, "If we have any inclement weather to deal with on that night, we will simply do the special night on our final night of the Passion Play season—Saturday, October 26. The Play runs May through October, but we have Holy Land Tours year-round and this year for Christmas, visitors can drive through a forest of 300+ Christmas Trees on their way to see the Christ of the Ozarks."

Free Passion Play tickets will be available on Friday night for military (active and vets), law enforcement, police, firefighter, EMT, first responders and for their families. "Our service and military appreciation night has had over 2,200 people in attendance in the past," Kent Butler, actor and director of operations for the Play, "and we hope to welcome even more this year."

“On Saturday, November 2, 2019, we will unveil a scene from the world’s longest religious painting—The *“Life of Christ”* painted by renowned artist Jackson Bailey,” Christy said.” The painting is 11 feet tall and 1,000 feet long (over 3 football fields long). There are 55 scenes depicting the life of Jesus from His Annunciation to the Ascension. Jackson Bailey spent over 10 years to paint this masterpiece using brilliant Rembrandt oils on fine Belgian linen.

This event will take place during a dinner and concert featuring Gordon Mote on November 2, 2019 at 6:00pm at The Great Hall at The Great Passion Play. Gordon Mote is an incredible vocalist, songwriter and the number one pianist in Gospel music today. Tickets for the dinner and concert are \$20 to the public and free to the press with credentials. RSVP by Oct. 22 by calling 800-882-7529 or online at <https://greatpassionplay.webconnex.com/dinnerconcert>

The Great Passion Play performs May through October on select nights starting at 7:30pm for the remainder of the 2019 season. Ticket reservations, performance schedules and special event information are available online at GreatPassionPlay.org or call toll free 800-882-7529.



***The Great Passion Play is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.***

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<http://www.greatpassionplay.org/high-resolution-photos.html>  
[www.greatpassionplay.org/the-life-of-christ.html](http://www.greatpassionplay.org/the-life-of-christ.html).

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