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Great Passion Play concludes its 50th season with Special Events

(EUREKA SPRINGS, AR) – The Great Passion Play is concluding its 50th season this weekend with special area appreciation performances as well as a Military and Service Appreciation Night, and a charity benefit night on Sunday night.

"Our 50th season has been very exciting," shared Randall Christy, Executive Director of The Great Passion Play. "We are excited to close out the Passion Play season with Texas Country Gospel Night this Friday night, a Service and Military Appreciation night on Saturday night, and a special benefit performance on Sunday night." Christy continued, "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 200+ Christmas Trees on their way to see the Christ of the Ozarks."

Free tickets will be available on Saturday night for military (active and vets), law enforcement, police, firefighter, EMT, first responders and their immediate families.

"When we did this service and military appreciation night last year," Kent Butler, actor and director of marketing for the Play, "we had over 2,200 people attend the Play, and we hope to welcome even more for that night as well as our special benefit night."

"We, as the cast and crew, have always wanted to find a way to give more back," Joe Smith, the Play's director shared. "With so many hurricanes hitting so many parts of

the states, we thought the Convoy of Hope would be a perfect beneficiary.” Smith, who is also the potter before the Play during the Parables of the Potter presentation, went on to say that the cast and crew are donating their time for the special Sunday, October 29 performance and that the specially discounted ticket admission would go to not only the Convoy of Hope, but also Teen Challenge and Light for the Lost.

- Convoy of Hope is a faith-based, nonprofit organization with a driving passion to feed the world through children’s feeding initiatives, community outreaches and disaster response.
- **Teen Challenge** is a faith-based facility that helps individuals of all ages overcome life-controlling problems and addictions.
- **Light for the Lost** serves to “empower the church to provide God’s Word for every person on the planet.”

The Great Passion Play is offering specially discounted tickets for locals in for Play performances this weekend’s performances Friday through Sunday. Residents or anyone who works in Carroll County can get tickets for only \$5 for performances of The Great Passion Play. Simply show proof of residence in Carroll County and enjoy the Play, the Bible Museum, the Sacred Arts Museum, Noah’s Ark Park petting zoo, History Museum, free music concerts, David the Shepherd, and the Parables of the Potter. Ticket reservations, performance schedules and special event information are available online at GreatPassionPlay.org or call toll free 800-882-7529. Residents can use the coupon code *CARROLLCOUNTY* to make reservations online or present valid photo ID or proof of residence when you pick up your tickets for performances.

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

For high resolution pictures of the Play:

<http://www.greatpassionplay.org/high-resolution-photos.html>

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