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Christ of the Ozarks – 4th Most Popular Statue in US

(EUREKA SPRINGS, AR) - The Christ of the Ozarks is the 4th most popular statue in the USA according to the New York Times. The ranking based on data provided by three sources—Travelport, a United Kingdom based travel technology and research firm, the National Park Service, and TripAdvisor—place the Lincoln Memorial in the number 1 spot, followed by Mt. Rushmore, the Statue of Liberty, and the Christ of the Ozarks.

Fifty years old in 2016, this 67 foot tall statue has been resurfaced and restored by the Great Passion Play crew which maintains it as it stands overlooking the city of Eureka Springs near the 4,000 seat amphitheater home to "America's #1 Attended Outdoor Drama."

"People come from all over the world to see this magnificent statue. From May to October, The Great Passion Play is performed on the grounds, but visitors come year round. It is especially beautiful at Christmas time when a beautiful white nativity is displayed on the hillside in front of the statue. This year visitors will drive through a forest of 200+ Christmas Trees on their way to see the Christ," said Randall Christy, Executive Director of The Great Passion Play in Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

Christy went on to say, "We don't worship this statue. It is a magnificent reminder of how big our Savior is and that His arms are stretched out still, welcoming

people of all races, all backgrounds, all walks of life. Jesus said 'Whosoever will may come to me'....whosoever means ALL PEOPLE. "

This year is the 50th season for The Great Passion Play which almost 8 million people have seen. It has recently added new features on its 650+ acres, including Noah's Ark Park petting zoo which will open on Friday, September 1, the History Museum, and hiking trails. The Christ of the Ozarks and these new features are free to see.

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

For high resolution pictures of the Play:

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