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MEDIA ALERT

THE WORLD PREMIERE OF GODSPEED – A NEW ROCK OPERA ABOUT THE LIFE OF JESUS OPENING 4/15 IN UPLAND - HIGHLIGHT OF “CONSIDER CHRISTIANITY WEEK” from 4/10-16

Worldwide Premiere of GODSPEED will take place on 4/15/11 at the Grove Theatre in Upland, CA.

WHAT: The worldwide premiere of the new Rock Opera GODSPEED falls right into the 18th annual “Consider Christianity Week” from 4/10-16/2011. On Friday, April 15th at 7:29 PM GODSPEED will be seen for the first time on stage at the famous Grove Theatre in Upland, CA.

GODSPEED is a powerful combination of visual and musical performances. With every lyric derived directly from scripture, this is a compelling theatrical concert event accurately displaying the life and times of Jesus of Nazareth through song. GODSPEED features a live seven-piece band under the musical direction of Jonathan Daddis, and a cast of sixteen singers/actors who bring key characters of The Gospels to the stage.

GODSPEED stars John Bisaha as Jesus. John is a singer/songwriter who has performed throughout Southern California as Jesus in Jesus Christ Superstar, and toured nationally and internationally working alongside, and opening for such artists as Heart, Cheap Trick, Robin Trower and Blue Oyster Cult. John also recorded several albums with Disney, most notably the *D2* soundtrack.

Charles St. Michael, who toured as Judas in the national tour of Jesus Christ Superstar, is featured as Jesus' accuser Annas. He was nominated twice for Best Musical Performance by LA Weekly and won a Garland Award from Backstage Magazine. He starred opposite Jean-Claude Van Damme in the motion picture *The Eagle Path* in 2010.

Sammy Oriti, creator of the WB's Emmy Nominated Series *Coconut Fred*, is the composer and director of Godspeed. This production at The Grove, produced by proprietor Sherry Kinison is calling families to experience a unique celebration of faith according to The Gospels at this significant time of Easter and Passover.

WHEN: **From 4/15/2011 to 5/1/2011**
Fri. & Sat. at 7:29 PM, Sun. at 2:00 PM

WHERE: **At the Grove Theatre**
276 E 9th St
Upland, California 91786
GODSPEED Tickets are \$20 to \$25, Call 909-920-4343 or www.godspeedrockopera.com

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GODSPEED is an innovative and timely Rock Opera about the life of Jesus, the must-see event of the decade. Godspeed is an exceptional new musical written and directed by Sammy Oriti, creator of an Emmy nominated Warner Bros. animated TV series. GODSPEED's April 2011 world premiere in Upland opens up a brand new chapter in attention-seizing theatrical performances, star voices presenting an inspirational message in a fresh format that calls the audience to cheer in standing ovation. GODSPEED is both scriptural and sensational - a captivating experience for the whole family. www.godspeedrockopera.com

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