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Ohio's Only Outdoor Passion Play Begins New Season June 13

CAMBRIDGE, OHIO (June 2, 2025) - This summer take a journey like no other. Ohio's only outdoor passion play, The Living Word Outdoor Drama, begins its 51st season on Friday, June 13, 2025.

The drama is designed for the theatrical telling of the last days of Christ. The Biblical Account of Jesus Christ unfolds for audiences on a spectacular 400-foot panoramic amphitheater and is considered America's most authentic re-creation of Old Jerusalem.

Through stunning lighting, special effects, sound and authentic costumes - Jerusalem comes alive! Live animals are used in the production, including a donkey and an authentic horse-drawn Roman chariot.

"It is the only drama of its kind that invites the audience and visiting groups to be a part of the performance," Debbie Robinson, Cambridge/Guernsey County Visitors & Convention Bureau Executive Director said. "Audience members may participate as an 'extra' for the evening and experience the Passion of Christ in a very close and personal way."

Performances take place on Friday evenings beginning June 13 through September 26 in 2025. (Performances will be closed July 4 and August 29 for holiday weekends.) Throughout the season special theme nights have been created to encourage different groups to attend, ranging from youth nights to family events to church gatherings.

Ticket prices are \$18 for adults (13-59), \$16 seniors (60 and up), \$6 children (4-12), and free (4-under). Purchase tickets at the box office (opens at 6 p.m.), call 740-439-2761 or buy online at www.livingwordrama.org. All seating is general admission. Parking is free.

Guests are welcome to take a behind the scenes tour beginning at 6:30 p.m. the night of each performance (donations accepted). Front set tours are also available beginning at 7 p.m. and are included with admission.

For younger audience members, a special event is scheduled for Saturday, August 23 called The Jerusalem Experience. Parents are encouraged to bring their children for a day of costume making, carpentry, games, food, animals, Shofar lessons and more! It is a day (2-5 p.m.) kids won't forget. This is an event geared toward children and is like an outdoor Vacation Bible School. The cost is \$10 for adults (13-up) and FREE for children (3-12). (There will not be a drama that evening. No other discounts will be applied to this event.)

To learn more, visit www.livingworddrama.org or call 740-439-2761.

For more information on the area, check out our attractions, events and overnight packages at the Cambridge/Guernsey County VCB office at 627 Wheeling Avenue, Suite 200 in downtown Cambridge, call 740-432-2022, email destination@VisitGuernseyCounty.com, or visit <u>VisitGuernseyCounty.com</u>.

