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RE: The Rocky Hock Playhouse to present *For God So Loved...* by Gloria Emmerich

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Performances of *For God So Loved...* will be held March 22 through April 15, 2014 at the Rocky Hock Playhouse now located at the Leon Nixon Catering & Banquet Facilities on Hwy. 32 in Edenton, NC. Ticket prices in Edenton include both the performance and an all-you-can-eat buffet. The musical will also be performed at Cale Camp and Conference Center in Hertford, NC on Saturday, March 29, 2014. For more information contact the Rocky Hock Playhouse Box Office: (252) 482-4621.

Dinner theatre ticket prices (Edenton only) are as follows:

Adults	\$29.95
Seniors (62 and older)	\$28.95
Children (6-12 years old)	\$22.95
Group A (10-24 people)	\$27.95
Group B (25+ people)	\$26.95

Show ticket prices (Cale) are as follows:

Adults	\$18.00
Seniors (62 and older)	\$17.00
Children (6-12 years old)	\$11.00
Groups (10+ people)	\$15.00

The Rocky Hock Playhouse is a full time professional theatre operated by the Emmerich Theatre Production Company, Inc., of Minnesota.

STORY:

The Rocky Hock Playhouse is presenting the first show of their 2014 season with a new Easter musical entitled *For God So Loved...* by Gloria Emmerich. The Rocky Hock Playhouse has a long history in the area and has operated continuously since the doors opened in August of 2000. Each year, co-founder Gloria Emmerich writes a new musical celebrating the resurrection of Christ. This year the story includes Jesus' relationship with His disciples John and Peter, as well as with the beloved New Testament sisters Mary and Martha.

The story begins at Jacob's well near the Samaritan village of Sychar. Jesus, His disciples, and friends have stopped to rest from their long journey across the plains of Shechem on the way to Galilee. They have been traveling on the Samaritan Road. Jesus has purposely taken this route to help His disciples understand how their prejudice against the Samaritans is unwarranted. The travelers leave Jesus to rest while they go into the city to purchase food. The "woman at the well" enters and meets Jesus for the first time. The ensuing conversation follows the biblical account closely. When the woman realizes who Jesus is she drops everything and runs into the city to tell her friends. She assures Jesus she will be back. Jesus' disciples encounter the woman as they return from the city and initially shun her. The lessons Jesus teaches them about prejudice and the Kingdom of God is priceless.

As the story unfolds Jesus shares many parables and revelations with His disciples. He eventually tells them that he must return to Jerusalem where "the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and scribes and that they will condemn Him to death." He also assures them that though He must die for their sins He will rise again. The story ends with the triumphant resurrection of Jesus.

All the music in this production of *For God So Loved...* was penned by Gloria Emmerich. She has written over 75 full length musicals and most of her shows have premiered at the Rocky Hock Playhouse and have then been published and made available to the public.

The musical premieres at the Rocky Hock Playhouse in Edenton on March 22 and runs through April 15, 2014. A single performance of the show will take place on March 29 at 6pm at Cale Camp and Conference Center in Hertford, NC. All Rocky Hock shows are completely family friendly and people of all ages are encouraged to attend. The Rocky Hock Playhouse is one of only a few full time professional Christian theatres on the East Coast. Call (252) 482-4621 for tickets and information. www.rockyhockplayhouse.com

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Top Left: Nathan Schierer & Darryl Stallings

Top Right: Jeffrey Emmerich, Mariah Schierer, Gloria Emmerich, Nathan Schierer, Holly Emmerich, & Darryl Stallings

Bottom Left: Jeffrey Emmerich & Gloria Emmerich

Bottom Right: Jeffrey Emmerich & Darryl Stallings

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The Directors:



Gloria Emmerich was born in Newport, Oregon and is the resident musical director, playwright, lyricist, and composer at the Playhouse. She has written over 75 full length musicals—many of which are being performed around the world today. Gloria appears in all Rocky Hock productions. She earned a **Bachelor of Music Degree** and **Master of Music Degree in Vocal Performance** from San Diego State University. Gloria and her husband Jeffrey started the original theatre in Edenton in 2000.



Jeff Emmerich was born in Bend, Oregon and co-owns the Rocky Hock Playhouse with his wife Gloria. He was previously head of the drama department at North Central University in Minneapolis, MN and is currently the drama director at College of The Albemarle in Elizabeth City, NC. Jeff appears in all Playhouse productions where he is also the stage and artistic director. He earned a **Bachelor of Music Degree in Vocal Performance** and a **Master of Fine Arts Degree in Musical Theatre** from San Diego State University. Jeffrey also earned a **Doctor of Ministry Degree** and is a tribal member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma.