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RE: The Rocky Hock Playhouse to present *The New Born King* by Gloria Emmerich

Rocky Hock Playhouse

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***The New Born King* presented at:**

Rocky Hock Playhouse

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Performances of *The New Born King* will be held November 16 through December 17, 2013 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. For more information contact the Rocky Hock Playhouse Box Office: (252) 482-4621.

Ticket prices 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

The Rocky Hock Playhouse is a full time professional theatre located in Edenton, NC.

STORY:

The Rocky Hock Playhouse is presenting the final musical of its 14th season with a new Christmas musical entitled *The New Born King* 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 birth of Christ. This year, in addition to Mary and Joseph, the cast will also include the characters of Mary's parents, her cousin Elizabeth, Zechariah, and Mary's sister.

The story opens with a light-hearted conversation between Mary and her sister. Chloe is somewhat concerned that she and Mary won't see each other as often after Mary is wed to Joseph. Chloe is a little younger than Mary and is suddenly concerned that she will never find a man to marry and will become a spinster. Joseph enters and overhears the conversation. He tells Chloe about a young man that works for him in the carpenter shop that is "interested" in her. It isn't long before Chloe is off looking for her potential suitor. While Mary and Joseph are left in the garden enjoying the night sky they reminisce about falling in love. Eventually, Joseph leaves Mary alone with her thoughts in the garden when the angel Gabriel suddenly appears to her.

After Gabriel tells Mary that she is to conceive and bear God's son Mary runs home to first tell her sister and mother what has happened. Eventually she tells Joseph as well. The meeting does not go well and Joseph is left alone to ponder a future now clouded with doubt.

When Mary's father finds out what has happened he too is confused. In an effort to buy some time to figure things out he sends his wife, Mary, and her sister off to Judea to visit their whimsical and wise cousin Elizabeth and her husband Zechariah. Mary is comforted by Elizabeth's words and leaves feeling confident that God does indeed have a plan and that everything will work out fine.

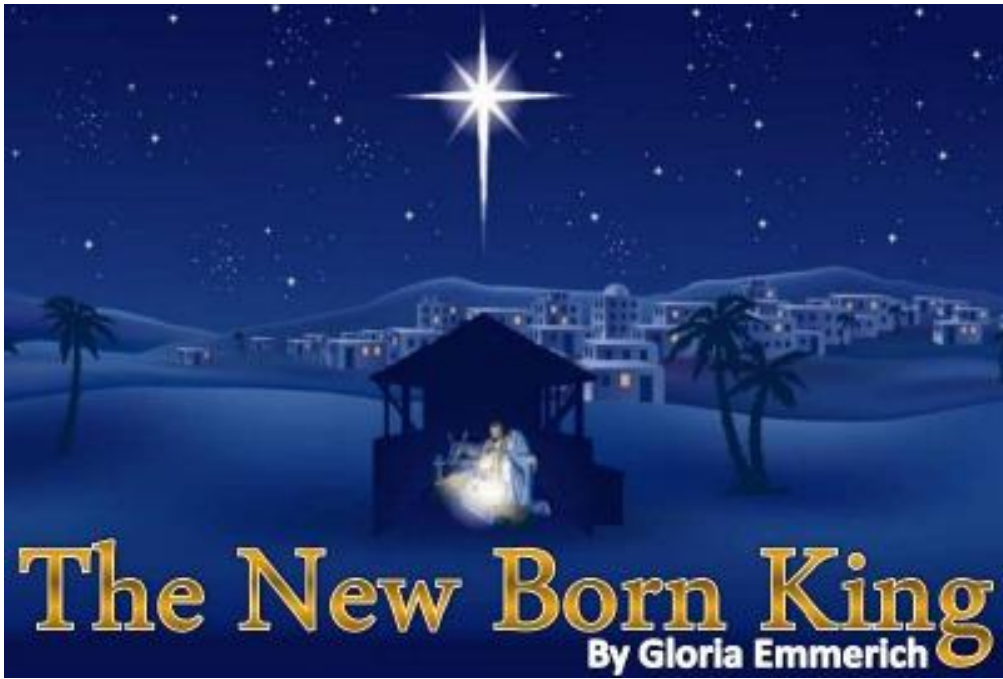
As the story unfolds Joseph eventually comes to realize that Mary has told him the truth and that surely God is in control. Shortly before Mary is due to deliver her baby she and Joseph travel to Bethlehem to pay their taxes. She is forced to give birth to baby Jesus in a stable under what they both realize is "the brightest star they've ever seen." The musical ends with the triumphant song, "A Night of Glory."

All the music in this production of *The New Born King* 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 November 16 and runs through December 17. 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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Rocky Hock Playhouse Stock Photos

Top Left: Darryl Stallings & Gloria Emmerich

Top Right: Jeffrey Emmerich & Bre Weitzel

Middle Left: Jeffrey Emmerich & Nathan Schierer

Middle Right: Mariah Schierer & Jeffrey Emmerich

Bottom: Darryl Stallings, Holly Emmerich, Mariah Schierer, Nathan Schierer, Jeffrey Emmerich, Mindi Cunningham, & Gloria Emmerich

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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.