

# CHRISTMAS PRESENCE

This holiday season, imagine Jesus coming into the world . . . in 2008.

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LOUISVILLE – This Advent season, Drama by George and the Highland Vineyard Church present a touring dramatic production about the birth of Christ. *Christmas Presence* is a Nativity play with a twist, adopting the premise that Jesus was born in 2008.

In the course of the play, the angel Gabriel appears to Mary in a local diner, and the first witnesses of Jesus' birth are members of a motorcycle gang (rather than the traditional shepherds). Later, a foreign ambassador brings Jesus gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Meanwhile, Mary and Joseph struggle to come to grips with their son's unique identity.

"In 2007, we had a successful 'trial run' of the play," said George Halitzka, playwright and director. "Fresh from that experience, we've prepared a revised script for 2008, and we've *already* received commitments and funding for eight performances! We pray that our efforts will help people see the birth of Jesus in a fresh and transformational way."

*Christmas Presence* is available for performances at churches and organizations from December 3 through 23, 2008. Cast members include Stacey Marie Smith as Mary, Zach Nord as Joe, Dakota Collins as Jesse, Todd Zeigler as Gabriel, and Samantha Watzek as Biker/Ambassador. Jill Schierbaum is the stage manager, assisted by Shermia Woodford. For more information, please visit [www.dramabygeorge.com/christmas](http://www.dramabygeorge.com/christmas) or call (502) 718-5090.

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