

LOOKING BACK



The 2009 season of the Canadian Badlands Passion Play was an overwhelming success. Over 12,000 people attended the performance which featured over 200 actors plus our orchestra and choir.

We consider to receive letters of appreciation from our guests and the response to our evaluation forms

has been overwhelmingly positive.

"Thank you so much for sharing this play with me. I can't put into words how it moved me." (Terri - Calgary)

"I wanted to send an email to express how much we enjoyed the Passion Play, so professionally done as well as moving emotionally." (Susan - Prince George)



In addition to creating an outstanding performance we were also able to make a number of key improvements to the site.

The **Herod's Palace addition** to the Set Wall was initiated to save the open back stairwell from



deterioration due to its exposure to the elements. This was our major project of the season and the end result is something we are quite pleased with. Not only did it save the stairwell but it looks fantastic.

A significant renovation to the women's **Jerusalem Wall washroom** helped with the long lines we experience during the intermission. We are investigating ways to make the lineups even shorter for next year.

The third floor of the Jerusalem Wall was renovated to become a **rehearsal hall** (It was well used this year), a production office and a new wardrobe space. The changes were greatly appreciated by the actors, choir and production staff.



One row of benches were dug up and repositioned to make them usable again as they had tilted too far forward to be comfortable to sit in.

The **orchestra area in the choir loft** was expanded and the stairs repaired to make them safe for our musicians.

The first section of the **new Roman Road** was put in place between the ticket booth and the Jerusalem Wall.

The first annual **Passion for the Arts Weekend** took place on the August long weekend. Check the website for details on the upcoming 2010 arts camp.

Our **Sponsor an Actor Program** raised more than \$9000 to help our volunteer actors with some of the expenses they incur when they travel to rehearse for the play. Some of our actors come from as far as seven hours away.



MOVING FORWARD



Paving the Roman Road

Mile one of the new Roman Road is completed and we look forward to adding in the next section in the spring of 2010. Please consider joining us in the Roman Road Campaign by signing up for a monthly donation of one or more paving stones at \$60 per stone. The Capital Campaign assists the Passion Play in two key areas.



1. 50% of each donation to the Campaign goes to paying off the first phase of the Jerusalem Wall.
2. The other 50% enables us to maintain the set and make important additions. This coming season we need to renovate and repair the "Pilate's Perch" area of our set wall.

Thank you for helping us keep the Passion Play facilities in good shape and for keeping us moving forward with our long range plans.

Christmas Fundraiser

Join us on December 10th for an enjoyable evening. Phil Callaway will keep you laughing while you enjoy a roast beef dinner and hear about the upcoming season of the Passion Play.

The event takes place at Lakeside Golf Course, 10 minutes east of Calgary and starts at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$55 per person or \$98 per couple and are available by calling our office at 1-888-823-2001.

Membership

Our members are an important part of our organization. Members support us in a variety of ways from promoting the play to their friends, to volunteering during performances, to helping us fund specific projects. If you would like to become a member you can do so by calling the office at 1-888-823-2001. A one year membership costs \$25 and a lifetime membership costs \$300.

Preparing for 2010

A Theatre Arts production on the scale of the Canadian Badlands Passion Play is a costly venture. Although we are blessed with a volunteer crew of hundreds of dedicated people who assist us with the performances we also employ over 30 people on a full time basis during the production run.

As a non-profit society we prepare a break-even budget to cover the costs of the yearly performances. The sale of tickets covers half our costs and the other half is covered by grants and our annual fall fundraising campaign. Ticket sales will start up again in January but during this time we are dependent on supporters such as yourself and would ask you to please consider helping us with one of the following funds.

General Fund

This year we met our budget for ticket sales. Now we must also meet our budget goal of \$60,000 of donations from our society members and supporters in order to finish the 2009 fiscal year in the black and be ready for the start of the 2010 season.

Angel Paths

We have received a federal grant to help us make permanent safe paths in the hills for our angels but we must contribute \$10,000 to access the funds.

Roman Road Capital Campaign

This ongoing funding program is vital to our plan for our facilities. (See the article to the left)

If you can assist us by donating to one of our projects please use the enclosed envelope or donate online at www.canadianpassionplay.com. You can also use your credit card and phone Janet Hove at 1-888-823-2001.

Thank you so much for helping us move forward.

If you would rather not receive our newsletters please check the box on the form and send it back to us. Thanks.