The Iowa Central Community College Performing Arts department presents...

EPIC PROPORTIONS

October 13, 14, & 15, 2005

By Larry Coen and David Crane - Directed by Teresa Jackson
Produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.
Synopsis

PLACE: The Arizona Desert on the set of the Biblical Epic film, *Exeunt Omnes*

TIME: 1930's

There will a 10-minute intermission during the performance

Towards the end of the performance there is a brief usage of a strobe light
Please no flash photography during the performance
Please turn off cell phones during the performance

Director's Note

When I first read *EPIC PROPORTIONS*, I was intrigued by the unique idea which David Crane, one of the creators of "Friends", and Larry Coen brought to life. The premise for the play came to them when they watched *The Ten Commandments* years ago and began wondering what it would be like to be an extra in such a film.

Hence, they created this story which is set in the 1930's and revolves around two brothers—Benny and Phil—who travel to the Arizona desert to be extras in a huge Biblical epic entitled *Exeunt Omnes*. Their roles in the epic change as the play goes along and so does their relationship when they both fall for the same girl—Louise. It is really the story of a group of mainly inexperienced actors, directors and stage managers trying to put on a Biblical epic that just keeps expanding. So, you will ultimately see moments of a show within a show—when they are “filming” and when they aren't.

This play can actually be performed with a very small cast who play dozens of different characters, but since we have such range of talent here, I've augmented the cast size accordingly. Instead of eight actors, we have forty-eight—and many of them will be playing a variety of roles.

I hope you enjoy the show and feel free to stay and greet the cast afterwards in the foyer. Thanks for your support—we hope to see you back in a few weeks for our “Spotlight on the Stars” performances, Nov. 2-3.
Our Epic Cast

Narrator ................................................................. Brian Scheid
Conspirators ......................................................... Rick Adams, Jordan Paulson, Megan Sievers
Zeke Cline, Nick Kurtz, Jolene Mitchell
Natasha Rogers, Randi Willard
Octavium ................................................................. Lucas Nerhus
Louise Goldman ....................................................... Brittanie Chafe
Benny Bennet .......................................................... Mike Loots
Phil Bennet ............................................................. Kevin Kelleher
Jack ................................................................. Mason Beets
Shel ................................................................. Ben Schulz
Slavemaster .......................................................... Caleb Shaeffer
Roman General ....................................................... Zeke Cline
The Queen ........................................................... Heather Kreitlow
Queen’s Attendants ............................................... Jon Harbaugh, Gabe Licht
Queen’s Guards ...................................................... Rick Adams, Abe Barnhardt, Robert Bly, Nick Kurtz, Zak Lee,
Lucas Nerhus, John Paxton, Ben Wise, Daniel Zinnel
D.W. DeWitt .......................................................... Joe Whaley
Brady ................................................................. Liz Harnack
Cochette ............................................................... Erin Hurdel
Cochette’s Assistants .............................................. Amy Garretson, Stacie Challey, Ashlee Pingel
“He Without Sin”/Fred .............................................. Daniel Zinnel
Volunteer One ........................................................ Abby Enabnit
Volunteer Two ........................................................ Jon Harbaugh
Volunteer Three ...................................................... Jolene Mitchell
Egyptian Noblemen ............................................... Thomas Sullivan, John Paxton, Zak Lee, Jordan Paulson
Jon Harbaugh, Gabe Licht, Adrick Smith, Abe Barnhardt, Daniel Keenan
Egyptian Acrobats .................................................. Robert Bly, Daniel Zinnel, Rick Adams, Lucas Nerhus
Egyptian Muscle Men ............................................... Ben Wise, Zeke Cline, Caleb Shaeffer, Nick Kurtz
Moses ................................................................. Brian Scheid
Featured Egyptian Dancers .............. Abby Enabnit, Sara Fitzpatrick, Erin Hurdel, Jessica Jergins
Jolene Mitchell, Natasha Rogers, Megan Sievers,
Randi Willard, Morgan Hendricks, Kati Hirschman
2nd Executioner .................................................... Nick Kurtz
Gladiators ......................................................... Caleb Shaeffer, Brian Scheid, Ben Wise, Mason Beets, Zeke Cline
Pyramid Building Men .......................................... Zak Lee, Robert Bly, Jon Harbaugh, John Paxton,
Adrick Smith, Ben Wise, Daniel Zinnel, Abe Barnhardt
Additional Ensemble Extras ................................ Sharon Slatek, Nick Kalvig, Daniel Keenan,
Deidra Fazzone, Erin Haakenson, Katie Hazel, Jayme Torgerson
Meet The Cast

Rick Adams, son of Mike and Regina Adams, is a sophomore at Iowa Central with plans to major in Theatre and transfer to the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. Rick is involved with Concert Band, Jazz Band, Concert Choir, Encore Singers, Phi Theta Kappa, and judo. He enjoys long walks on the beach and Richard Gere movies. Rick has most enjoyed the fun people and aggravating Teresa Jackson during this production and wants everyone to know "Vote Bob Dole".

Abraham Barnhardt, son of Randy and Clara Barnhardt, is a freshman at Iowa Central with plans to major in General Education. Abraham is involved with Cross Country, Track & Field, and music. He enjoys singing, playing sports, and helping people. During this production, Abraham has most enjoyed meeting people, and he wants everyone to know if there wasn't a time and a place for everything, everything would be happening all of the time.

Mason Beets, son of Ray and Michelle Beets, is a freshman at Iowa Central with plans to major in Pre-Law and transfer to the University of Iowa and then get all sorts of rich. Mason is involved with school and work and enjoys kittens. During this production, Mason has most enjoyed the off-scene camaraderie and...stuff. He wants everyone to know that soup is good food.

Robert Bly, son of Nancy Bly and Steve Martin, is a freshman at Iowa Central with plans to major in Radio Broadcasting and then figure out what he wants to do when the time comes. Robert is involved with playing Tiger Woods PGA 2004 and working at FYE. He enjoys making people laugh and smile. During this production, Robert has most enjoyed getting to know all of the wonderful and colorful people, and he wants everyone to know that he is part of the Jesup Mafia.

Brittanie Chafe, daughter of John and Mylene Chafe, is a freshman at Iowa Central with plans to major in education and transfer to Iowa State University. Brittanie is involved with Concert Choir, Encore Singers, acting, vocal jazz and enjoys being with her family and friends. Brittanie has most enjoyed meeting all of the drama kids at Iowa Central during this production and wants everyone to know that her flap really is always open.

Stacie Chally, daughter of Bill and Dawn Chally, is a freshman at Iowa Central with plans to major in Music Merchandising/Management and transfer to a four-year university. Stacie is involved with Phi Theta Kappa and works at the hospital in Webster City. She enjoys music, exercise, and wireless internet. During this production, Stacie has most enjoyed spending many, many hours with the fabulous cast, and wants everyone to know that Mrs. J is a theatrical genius.

Zeke Cline, son of Phil and Jane Cline, is a freshman at Iowa Central with plans to major in Criminal Justice. Zeke is involved with Intervarsity Fellowship and Jazz Band. During this production, Zeke has most enjoyed "all of it".

Abby Enabnit, daughter of Jeff and Shelly Enabnit, is a freshman at Iowa Central with plans to transfer to Iowa State University and continue her studies. Abby is involved with Cheerleading, Dance Team, Encore Singers, and Concert Choir. She enjoys singing, writing, and performing. During this production, Abby has most enjoyed the dancing, and she wants everyone to know that Rick is her soulmate.

Deidra Fazzone, daughter of Linda and John Coleman, is a freshman at Iowa Central with plans to major in Graphic Design and transfer to Iowa State University. Deidra enjoys reading, swimming, watching "I Love Lucy", and yoda. Deidra has most enjoyed meeting new people during this production and wants everyone to know that this is not a silent movie.

Sara Fitzpatrick, daughter of Don and Sherni Fitzpatrick, is a sophomore at Iowa Central with plans to major in Special Education and transfer to Iowa State University or The University of Northern Iowa. Sara is involved with the Dance Team, Encore Singers, and Theatre. She enjoys hanging out with friends, listening to music, and dancing. During this production, Sara has most enjoyed throwing Daniel in the air and wants everyone to know that it gave her many bruises.

Amy Garretson, daughter of Anna and Jerry Garretson, is a freshman at Iowa Central with plans to major in Theatre and possibly transfer to the University of Northern Iowa. Amy is involved with Concert Choir and Encore Singers and enjoys spending all of her time in the Iowa Central Music Building. Amy has most enjoyed meeting new people and helping with sets and costumes during this production and wants everyone to know that redheads really do have more fun!

Erin Haakenson, daughter of Eric and Marcia Haakenson, is a sophomore at Iowa Central with plans to major in Sociology and transfer to Buena Vista University. Erin is involved with volunteer work with the Catholic Team Parishes and enjoys Theatre, Art, and scrapbooking. Erin has most enjoyed watching Benny get beat up during this production and wants everyone to know that this show is truly epic!
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Jon Harbaugh, son of Jane and Steve Harbaugh, is a sophomore at Iowa Central with plans to major in Sociology and transfer to Iowa State University. Jon is involved with Theatre and works at Hy-Vee Wine and Spirits. He enjoys playing tennis, taking naps, and monitoring daily propaganda. During this production, Jon has most enjoyed not being killed by Teresa Jackson and wants everyone to know that contrary to popular belief, Rick Adams does shave his armpits.

Liz Harnack, daughter of Ron and Julie Harnack, is a sophomore at Iowa Central with plans to major in marketing and transfer to Kansas University. Liz is involved with Theatre, Band, Jazz Band, and enjoys going to rock concerts. Liz has most enjoyed staring at the shirtless guys during this production and wants everyone to know that she's single.

Katie Hazel, daughter of Jim and Iris Hazel, is a freshman at Iowa Central with plans to major in Elementary Education and transfer to the University of Northern Iowa. Katie is involved with Choir, Encore Singers, Band, Jazz Band, and enjoys performing and hanging out with friends. Katie has most enjoyed watching the actors bring so much comedy to the set during this production and wants everyone to know that it has truly been awesome working with such fun and talented people.

Morgan Hendricks, daughter of Dennis and Janet Hendricks, is a sophomore at Iowa Central with plans to major in Pre-Vet and transfer to Iowa State University next fall. Morgan is involved with Dance Team, Encore Singers, Concert Choir, Track, and is a Resident Advisor. She enjoys running and riding her horses. During this production, Morgan most enjoyed meeting new people and wants everyone to know that her favorite color in neon green.

Kati Hirschman, daughter of Steve and Kelli Hirschman, is a sophomore at Iowa Central with plans to major in English and transfer to Iowa State University at semester. Kati is involved with Choir, Encore Singers, Dance Team, and Theater. She enjoys golfing and spending time with her family and friends. During this production, Kati has most enjoyed watching the clothesless men and wants everyone to know that this is her last and final play production at Iowa Central.

Erin Hurdel, daughter of Tom and Leanne Hurdel, is a freshman here at Iowa Central with plans to transfer to a university after completing her general education. Erin is involved with Sonshine Singers, GSJC Choir, Concert Choir, Encore Singers and enjoys performing and playing with clay. She has most enjoyed learning the Egyptian dance routine and watching the fight sequence rehearsals and wants everyone to know that she will be involved with the programs at Iowa Central in the future.

Jessica Jergens, daughter of Dean and Carla Jergens, is a freshman here at Iowa Central with plans to major in music and transfer to a university. Jessica is involved with Concert Choir, Encore Singers and works at HyVee. She has most enjoyed learning the Egyptian dance during this production and wants everyone to know that rehearsals aren't as bad as they may seem.

Nicholas Kalvig, son of Jeff and Marlene Kalvig, is a freshman at Iowa Central with plans to major in Criminal Justice and work for a police department as a detective. Nicholas enjoys movies, books, and music. During this production, Nicholas has most enjoyed the acting and wants everyone to know how much he loves his mom, dad, and both of his grandparents.

Kevin Kelleher, son of Stephen Kelleher and Kathleen Schreier, is a freshman at Iowa Central with plans to major in screenwriting and transfer to the University of Northern Iowa. Kevin is involved with Band, Choir, and Theatre and enjoys each and every one of them. Kevin has most enjoyed the rare occasions to eat and sleep during this production and wants everyone to know that he does his own stunts and no wires or trick photography were used in this production.

Heather Kreitlow, daughter of Jim and Joyce Kreitlow, is a sophomore at Iowa Central with plans to major in Theatre/Communications and transfer to a four-year university. Heather is involved with Choir, Encore Singers, and Dance Team. She enjoys traveling, going to concerts, and sleeping. During this production, Heather has most enjoyed how well the cast has gotten along and she loves all of her cool costumes.

Nick Kurtz, son of Bruce and Joan Kurtz, is a sophomore at Iowa Central. Nick is involved with intramurals and enjoys hunting, fishing, boating, and outdoor activities. Nick has most enjoyed the fun atmosphere created during this production and wants everyone to know that he auditioned for "Real World Austin."
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Zak Lee, son of Dr. Michael and Darcy Lee, is a freshman at Iowa Central with plans to major in Medicine and transfer to another school if they accept him. Zak is involved with European football and certain activities in the Performing Arts Department. He enjoys quoting scenes from movies and sitting in front of his computer. During this production, Zak has most enjoyed the hilarious antics that have gone on and wants everyone to know that he is, in fact, 1/4 Chinese, 1/4 Japanese, 1/2 Lexemberger, but lived in Canada, so this makes him Canasian.

Gabe Licht, son of Mark and Rose Licht, is a freshman at Iowa Central with plans to major in English and is undecided on his future career. Gabe is involved with Theatre, Concert Choir, Fusion Drama Troupe, First Avenue Youth Church, and works at First Federal Savings Bank. He enjoys acting, singing, hunting, and socializing with friends. During this production, Gabe has most enjoyed working with fellow classmates (i.e. Ben Schulz) and wants everyone to know the attendants have the most fun.

Mike Loots, son of Pat Loots and Don Loots, is a sophomore at Iowa Central with plans to major in Theatre and transfer to the University of Iowa to pursue whatever he decides is his true calling. Mike is involved with Encore Singers, Concert Choir, and bartending. He enjoys hunting, rockin’ out, and bein’ too cool for school. Mike has most enjoyed the “extra work” on the love scenes during this production and wants everyone to know he loves them.

Jolene Mitchell, daughter of David and Sharon Mitchell, is a sophomore at Iowa Central with plans to major in Art Education and transfer to a four-year university. Jolene is involved with Choir, Band, Encore Singers, Phi Theta Kappa, and the Collegian newspaper. She enjoys long walks on the beach with Rick Adams and Jon Harbaugh and eats at Taco Tico everyday. During this production, Jolene has most enjoyed working with the huge cast, especially the shirtless guards and wants everyone to know she will miss them deeply next year.

Lucas Nerhus, son of Terry and Joyce Nerhus, is a freshman at Iowa Central with plans to transfer to a university after Iowa Central. Lucas is involved with Concert Choir, Student Ambassadors and works for Simple Simon’s Pizza Delivery. During this production, Lucas has most enjoyed the girls and want everyone to know that he really likes girls.

Jordan Lee Paulson, son of Jeff and Patti Paulson, is a freshman at Iowa Central with plans to major in Secondary Education and transfer to Truman State or the University of Northern Iowa. Jordan is involved with Theatre and Vocal Music and enjoys Pink Floyd and pizza. During this production, Jordan has most enjoyed togas and cat naps and wants everyone to know there is no dark side of the moon really, as a matter of fact, it’s all dark.

John Paxton, son of Bob and Lori Paxton, is a junior at Fort Dodge Senior High with plans to major in Business Management and attend the University of Iowa. John is involved with soccer and enjoys sports, fishing, hunting, girls, and road trips. John has most enjoyed laughing at funny things during this production and wants everyone to know that he’s sixteen.

Ashlee Pingel, daughter of Kathy Pingel, is a freshman at Iowa Central with plans to major in Biology and transfer to the University of Iowa. Ashlee is involved with Theatre, works at Friendship Haven, and enjoys hanging out with her friends. Ashlee has most enjoyed meeting new people during this production and wants everyone to know that she makes awesome paper boats.

Natasha Rogers, daughter of Paula Rogers, is a freshman at Iowa Central with plans to major in Radiology and transfer to Florida University after two years at Iowa Central. Natasha works at Vanity in the Crossroads Mall and enjoys singing, dancing, eating, and just entertaining. During this production, Natasha has most enjoyed getting to know different people and having a great time. She wants everyone to know that she is the oldest of six children and that her mom is the greatest. She has two brothers and three sisters, her youngest sister is eight months old and has four teeth — it’s the most adorable thing.

Caleb Shaeffer, son of Larry and Kathy Shaeffer, is a sophomore at Iowa Central with plans to transfer to Grand View College or Iowa State University. Caleb is involved with Football, Concert Choir, Encore Singers, Jazz Band, Concert Band, Theatre, Phi Theta Kappa, and enjoys being with his friends. During this production, Caleb has most enjoyed working with Teresa and the cast and wants everyone to know that Iowa Central rocks!

Brian Scheid, son of Steve and Carol Scheid, is a sophomore at Iowa Central with plans to major in Fine Arts and transfer to either Iowa State University or Central. Brian is involved with the Music Department and enjoys playing guitar with Eric Heid. During this production, Brian has most enjoyed Mike Loots and wants everyone to know that he does, in fact, have clothes other than PJ’s.
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Ben Schulz, son of Diane Schulz and Gary Schulz, is a freshman at Iowa Central with plans to major in Theatre and go to Chicago to perform comedy when he is done with school. Ben is involved with Choir, Encore Singers, and Theatre. He enjoys making people smile and playing a rousing game of cribbage. During this production, Ben has most enjoyed wearing a hard hat and wants everyone to know that he wears contact lenses almost every day.

Megan Sievers, daughter of Mike and Kim Sievers, is a freshman at Iowa Central with plans to major in Music. Megan is involved with Theatre, Dance Team, Encore Singers, Vocal Jazz Ensemble, and Concert Choir. She enjoys acting, dancing, and singing. Megan has most enjoyed watching people and seeing all of their quirks come out on stage during this production and wants everyone to know that she’s had an awesome time with this show, and she hopes all of the cast’s hard work pays off.

Sharon Slaikeu, daughter of Melissa and Bill Slaikeu, is a sophomore at Iowa Central with plans to major in Human Resources and transfer to Iowa State University. Sharon is involved with Band, Choir, Student Senate, Phi Theta Kappa, and works at Village Inn. She enjoys Drama and hanging out with friends. During this production, Sharon has most enjoyed working with all of the drama geeks and wants everyone to know that the quiet ones truly do have more fun.

Adrick Smith, son of John and Connie Smith, is a freshman at Iowa Central with plans to major in Computer Programming. Adrick is involved with Concert Band, Concert Choir, and Jazz Band. He has most enjoyed not having to memorize lines during this production.

Thomas Sullivan, son of Dave and Joni Torkelson, is a sophomore here at Iowa Central with plans to major in journalism and transfer to the University of Iowa. Thomas is involved with the Collegian and theatre and works at The Messenger. He enjoys reading, creative writing and being with friends. Thomas has most enjoyed meeting new people during this production and wants everyone to know that he enjoyed wearing skirts during this show.

Jayme Torgerson, son of Lowell and Gayle Torgerson, is a sophomore at Iowa Central with plans to major in English and transfer to a four-year university. Jayme is involved with Concert Choir and enjoys hunting, fishing, mudding, and hanging out with friends. During this production, Jayme has most enjoyed the fun atmosphere and wants everyone to know that he will miss everyone when he leaves Iowa Central.

Joe Whaley, son of Mark and Nancy Whaley, is a sophomore at Iowa Central with plans to major in Education, transfer to the University of Northern Iowa, and then become a college history professor. Joe is involved with working in the hospital kitchen and making hot ham and cheese sandwiches. He enjoys making clay models of Richard Nixon. During this production, Joe has most enjoyed being admired by all of the female cast members and wants everyone to ask for his phone number and then call him and tell him how good he looks.

Randi Willard, daughter of Dave and Renee Willard, is a sophomore at Iowa Central with plans to major in Journalism or Acting and transfer to either the University of Northern Iowa or the University of Iowa. Randi is involved with Phi Theta Kappa and an editor on the Collegian staff. She enjoys dancing, golfing, running, writing, and drawing. During this production, Randi has most enjoyed killing Octavius (Lucas Nerhus) and wants everyone to know that she doesn’t really want Lucas dead, and she hopes to be on MTV’s “The Real World” someday.

Ben Wise, son of Ken and Karen Wise, is a sophomore at Iowa Central with plans to transfer to another college after here. Ben is involved with Concert Band, Jazz Band, Concert Choir, Encore Singers, Theatre, Student Senate, Student Ambassadors, Phi Theta Kappa, and is a DJ for the Sound Co. He enjoys being involved and meeting new people. During this production, Ben has most enjoyed wearing his Gladiator costume and making new friends. He wants everyone to know that he is not really a violent person.

Daniel Zinnel, son of Doug and Linda Zinnel, is a sophomore at Iowa Central with plans to major in International Studies and transfer to the University of Iowa to get a Masters Degree in Public Health. Daniel is involved with Concert Band, Jazz Band, Concert Choir, Encore Singers, Theatre, and works for the Financial Aid Office. He enjoys listening to music and hanging out with his family and friends. During the production, Daniel has most enjoyed being tossed around and almost dying, and he wants everyone to know that he is not as dumb as his character.
Our Production Staff

Director .............................................................................................................. Teresa Jackson
Set Construction / Carpenter Instructor ............................................................... Bill McAnally
Scenic Design and Props ..................................................................................... Karen Kinkor
Set Dressing and Props Assistant ........................................................................ Sandy Fletcher
Sound Design ........................................................................................................ Dennis Haislip
Light Design .......................................................................................................... Jerry Musselman
Costume Design and Head Seamstress ................................................................. Nancy Wood
Seamstress Assistants ............................................................................................ Janet Kinne, Julie Gonzales
Box Office ............................................................................................................... Sharon McNeil, Roxie Jacobson
Make up Design ..................................................................................................... Cassie Langstaff
Choreography Assistance ..................................................................................... Melanie Clark
House Manager ...................................................................................................... Dennis Haislip
House Manager Assistants .................................................................................... Sharon McNeil, Roxie Jacobson, Nancy Wood
Program Design .................................................................................................... Paul DeCoursey
Publicity .................................................................................................................. Melanie Clark, Bill McIntyre, Paul DeCoursey
Music Combo .......................................................................................................... Kathleen Schreier, Lee Plummer, Stephen Kelleher

Our Production Crew

Stage Manager ....................................................................................................... Thomas Wilson
Assistant Stage Managers ....................................................................................... Jill Butterfield, Kelsie Mitchell
Light Board Operator ............................................................................................. Christy Halligan
Assistant Sound Designer ...................................................................................... Darrin Ross
Music Cues ............................................................................................................. Shawn Johnson
Fly Loft ................................................................................................................... Brian Kelleher
Spotlight Operators ............................................................................................... Gerry Miller, Jahanna Hays
Make Up Operators .............................................................................................. Jodi Hettwer, Brianna Salway, Megan Sievers
Make Up Crew ....................................................................................................... Natasha Rogers, Mike Loots
Set Painting ............................................................................................................ Cast and Crew Members

Set Construction .................................................................................................... Brandon Barth, Thomas Blair, Aaron Campbell, Kody Casperson, Gregory Davis, Chad Dowdy, Seth Essing, Kyle Eyer, Joshua Fastert, Nicholas Flater, Benjamin Fritz, Joseph Gannon, Kurtis Gray, Michael Harmison, Jayson Harp, Matthew Hix, Jesse Hoff, Steven Jeffers, Michael Jordan, Jordan Kite, Chris Lock, Devin Marchant, Anthony Martens, Clayton Martens, Andrew Modlin, Justin Petersen, Jeremy Scarborough, Joshua Schable, Jason Shadle, Isaac Skog, Travis Struss, Robert Thorpe, Tyler Van Schoiack, Kyle Wiuuff, Christopher Wood, Justin Zika

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