

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. The production is available for performances in local churches and organizations throughout December 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' – presenting four performances of the play," said George Halitzka, playwright and director. "Fresh from that experience, we've prepared a revised script and an expanded marketing effort to bring this production to many more churches in 2008. We pray that our efforts will help people see the birth of Jesus in a fresh and transformational way."

Christmas Presence is available for bookings in churches and organizations from December 3 through 23, 2008. For more information, visit www.dramabygeorge.com/christmas or call (502) 718-5090.

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