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## *JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR* Timeless and for Our Time

***JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR***, the groundbreaking theatrical masterpiece by legendary writing team Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, is coming to The Whiting in Flint on **February 28** for two amazing performances at **3pm and 8pm**. The first collaboration between Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice to be performed on the professional stage, ***JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR*** is one of the most popular and enduring works ever created for the musical theatre. Featuring such notable songs as *Superstar*, *Everything's Alright* and *I Don't Know How to Love Him*, ***JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR*** earned five TONY nominations.

Set in two acts, ***JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR*** tells the story of the final seven days in the life of Jesus of Nazareth. ***SUPERSTAR*** dramatizes Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, the unrest caused by his preaching and popularity, his betrayal by Judas, the trial before Pontius Pilate, and his ultimate crucifixion. Perpetually changing the face of musical theatre ***JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR***, will leave audiences captivated by its power.

As relevant and timeless as ever, ***JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR***, the rock opera vision of "the greatest story ever told," is perhaps more potent in today's troubled world than when it was first produced. Now, for the new millennium, this magnificent story comes once again vividly to the stage with Ted Neeley re-creating his unforgettable performance.

Internationally beloved star Ted Neeley, best known for his Golden Globe nominated role as Jesus in the Norman Jewison film of ***SUPERSTAR*** will be headlining this tour of ***JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR***. While Ted has enjoyed a distinguished career in resident theatres throughout America, appearing in a wide variety of productions from *Hair* to the works of Samuel Beckett he is world renowned for the title role in ***JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR***. Creating a fan base that borders on a cult-like phenomenon, this production heralds the long awaited triumphant return of Ted Neeley in the title role of ***JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR***.

Director Dallett Norris (*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Can-Can*, *South Pacific*) says, "What could be better than having Ted Neeley, so grand in the film, on board as we delve into Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's brilliant musical telling of this timeless story. Their idea of setting this tale in terms that immediately resonate

with today's audiences is revolutionary. Here we are, twenty-one centuries later, and it is oh, so clear: we need the message of this story now more than ever."

Already seen and loved by thousands, don't miss the opportunity to introduce a new generation to this exhilarating and significant piece of musical theatre, ***JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR***, the original rock opera.

This performance is generously supported by McLaren Regional Medical Center, ABC12, The Flint Journal, Yellow Book, All Weather Seal, NBC 25, CW 46, CARS 108 and US 103.1.

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**\*\*High Res Images are available upon request.**

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