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PASSION PLAY REACHES OUT TO THE SPECIAL NEEDS COMMUNITY

CLEVELAND, OH (February 6, 2015) -- The passion play *Tetélestai* (the Greek word for “It is finished”) re-enacts the trial, death and resurrection of Jesus and has been performed at local churches in Northeast Ohio and surrounding areas for the past 38 years. This season, *Tetélestai* is reaching out in a special way to the deaf community by putting American Sign Language in the spotlight. Literally.

Rev. Nan Morgan of South Arlington United Methodist Church (Akron, OH) and members of Church on the Boulevard (Barberton, OH) will join us at our performances in Elyria at Saint Agnes Church on Saturday, March 7th (8 pm) and Sunday, March 8th (2 pm). They will also interpret the following weekend at St. Luke Lutheran in Cuyahoga Falls – Saturday, March 14th (8 pm) and Sunday, March 15th (2 pm). These ASL (American Sign Language) interpreters are assigned prominent places at the side and front of our stage and are lit with special lighting so they are able to be viewed clearly by members of the audience. The interpreters make extra preparations to sign *Tetélestai*, since both music and dialogue are involved and it their presence adds a unique and emotional element to this already vivid portrayal of the passion.

There will be limited seating to accommodate proper viewing of the ASL interpreters and we encourage those who may need to utilize the interpreters to make advanced seating arrangements by calling (440) 944-0635. Special seating is limited and will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. Along with our special ASL engagements, *Tetélestai* offers braille programs, is wheelchair accessible wherever possible and is free of charge. The ministry’s goal is to make the Gospel available to anyone and everyone. The time that leads up to Easter is one of preparation and reflection. Cleveland Performing Arts Ministries’ production of *Tetélestai* is doing its best to ensure that everyone has the same opportunity to witness the Good News, no matter what the circumstance. All are welcome!

For performance times, directions and additional information please visit our website at LiveThePassion.org or by calling (440)944-0635. *Tetélestai* is presented by Cleveland Performing Arts Ministries, a non-profit organization and is presented free of charge. Seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Free-will offerings are accepted at the end of each show. *Tetélestai* is a registered service mark of *Tetélestai, Inc.*

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