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EASTER MUSICAL TO WORK WITH ASL INTERPRETERS

CLEVELAND, OH (January 15, 2017) – The long-running Easter Musical *Tetélestai*, is proud to partner with The Cuyahoga Community College Deaf Interpretive Program for two of its performances this year. Volunteers from the program will provide ASL interpretation at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Cathedral of Parma at 1900 Carlton Road, Parma, Ohio on Saturday, April 1 (8pm) and Sunday, April 2 (2 pm).

Four interpreters will take on the various roles of the play: one will portray Jesus while the others switch off between different characters. Giving great attention to detail, the volunteers will even interpret the dramatic music as it builds for scenes like Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem or the crucifixion. The interpreters attended several rehearsals in order to understand the production and to learn their roles. Cast & crew alike were glad to welcome them to the production.

The word *Tetélestai* means “It is finished,” the last words of Jesus as He died on the cross. This is the ministry's 40th Anniversary season and the play will be presented by Cleveland Performing Arts Ministries at churches of various denominations in cities from Chesterland to Napoleon and from Lakewood to Medina.

The production includes full lights, sound, staging and costumes and lasts approximately two hours with a short intermission. A reception follows each performance and affords an opportunity for the audience to meet and mingle with the cast and crew. Doors open approximately one hour before the performance. There is no admission charge; however free will offerings will be welcomed at the end of each performance.

For further information visit LiveThePassion.org or call Cleveland Performing Arts Ministries at 440-944-0635. *Tetélestai* is a registered service mark of *Tetélestai, Inc.* Cleveland Performing Arts Ministries is a registered 501(c)(3) organization.

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