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LAKWOOD RESIDENTS INVOLVED IN LONG-RUNNING PASSION PLAY

CLEVELAND, OH (April, 2017) Each year, thousands of people head to local venues throughout Northeast Ohio to experience the musical passion play “Tetélestai.” This year, Tetélestai celebrates its 40th Anniversary as it continues to bring the Good News of Easter to audiences in eight different Ohio cities, including a stop at Lakewood United Methodist Church on Detroit Avenue in early April.

The all-volunteer cast includes Lakewood residents Maury and James Petrak. The father and son duo will be traveling with the troupe throughout the 2017 season. Maury and his wife Angela met as fellow cast members in 2000. As Maury says, “It has had a very positive impact on our family. We have grown in our love for the Lord as time has moved forward. We love to be able to serve God and our Brothers and Sisters by being involved.” The traveling and time commitment over the 8 weeks of performances are demanding, and Maury admits it will really nice to perform at a venue so close to home. “It is so awesome to be able to bring this production to share with the Lakewood community. We have been blessed to live here for the past 15 years and look forward to sharing his message with the people of Lakewood.”

The word Tetélestai means “It is finished,” the last words of Jesus as He died on the cross. The production has become a cherished tradition for many churches and families as they prepare for the holy season of Easter. Tetélestai’s dramatic stage production and timeless music bring the story of Jesus’ trial, execution and resurrection to life in a visual way that leaves a lasting impression. Faithful audience members see the play as a way of enhancing the services presented by their own churches.

Tetélestai is produced locally by Cleveland Performing Arts Ministries and will be performed during its 40th Anniversary Season at Lakewood United Methodist Church located at 15700 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio 44107 on April 7, 8 and 9, 2017. Performances will be on Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:00 PM, with a Sunday matinee at 2:00 PM. The play 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.

To see our full 40th anniversary schedule of performances or for further information please visit LiveThePassion.com or call Cleveland Performing Arts Ministries at 440-944-0635. *Tetélestai* is a registered service mark of *Tetélestai, Inc.* Cleveland Performing Arts Ministries produces *Tetélestai* in northeast Ohio and is a registered 501(c)(3) organization.

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