

HESSTON COLLEGE THEATER AND MUSIC DEPARTMENTS PRESENT
With Special Arrangement by Music Theater International

Children & Eden



Music and Lyrics by
Stephen Schwartz

Book by
John Caird

Based on a Concept by
Charles Linsanby



Hesston
College

AGCO Theatre, 420 West Lincoln Blvd., Hesston, Kan.

Thursday, May 5, 7:30 PM

Tickets: \$8 Adults

Friday, May 6, 1:30 PM & 7:30 PM

\$6 Students

Saturday, May 7, 1:30 PM

Call 620-327-8158 to reserve, or pay at the door

Children of Eden

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Production Director Megan Tyner
Music Director Matthew Schloneger
Technical Director Doug Peters
Choreographer Amber Lock

Act I

Let There Be Father, Storytellers
The Naming Father, Adam, Eve, Storytellers
Grateful Children Adam, Eve
Father's Day Father, Storytellers
The Spark of Creation Eve
In Pursuit of Excellence Snake, Eve
A World Without You Adam, Eve, Father
The Expulsion Father, Storytellers
The Wasteland Storytellers
Lost in the Wilderness Cain
Close to Home Adam, Eve, Abel, Young Cain, Young Abel
A Ring of Stones Cain, Eve, Abel, Adam
The Mark of Cain Father, Storytellers

10 Minute Intermission

Act II

Generations Storytellers
A Piece of Eight Storytellers, Noah, Yonah, Japheth, Family
The Return of the Animals Orchestra
Stranger to the Rain Yonah
In Whatever Time We Have Japheth, Yonah
The Flood Father, Storytellers
What is He Waiting For? Noah, Family
Sailor of the Skies Yonah
The Hardest Part of Love Noah, Father
Ain't It Good? Aysha, Family, Storytellers
In The Beginning Company

Children of Eden Cast

Father	Tony Brown
Adam	Andy Steckly
Eve	Fjaere Harder
Cain/Noah	Jameson Wade
Abel/Japheth	Jordan Brunk
Seth	Jim “Cookie” Kuchta
Mama Noah	Tara Hershberger
Yonah	Krista Miller
Shem	Conrad Wagler
Aysha	Beth Kaufman
Ham	Joel Van Wingerden
Aphra	Elise Litwiller
Featured Storyteller	Jenna Nickel
Snake	Rachel Albrecht, Joella Garber, Leslie Hochstetler, Gabriela Widowati, Kim Troyer
Young Cain	J.D. Hershberger
Young Abel	Trevor Toews

Storytellers

Lena David, Laurina Graber, Ivana Gunawan, Lance Miller,
Gemma Patton, Erica Shirk

Children Storytellers

Joel Boettger, Erin Brubaker, Garret Byler, Tara Harms-Becker,
Megan Leatherman, Hannah Miller,
Taylor Swartzendruber, Courtney Unruh

Additional Storytellers for “Generations”

Marion Bontrager, Rita Peters, Andrea Peters, Erin Peters,
Megan Tyner, Maggie Tyner, Jim Yoder, Margaret Wiebe

Orchestra

Keyboard 1/Rehearsal Pianist	Jennifer Epp
Guitar	Brad McKellip
Bass	Jordan Oyer
Drums	Keith Grubaugh
Percussion	Davis Morgan
Flute	Anna Lever
Clarinet	John Banman
Oboe	Robyn Bolton
Horn	Donna Woolery
Cello	Jessica Dickinson
Sound Effects	Casey Royce

Production Staff

Stage Manager.....	Megan Yoder
Backstage Manager	Katie Hamman
Set Design	Doug Peters
Lighting Design.....	David King
Lighting Crew	Tara Hershberger, John Bryant, Doug Peters, Laurina Graber, and David King
Costume Design	Megan Tyner
Costume Coordinator.....	Laurina Graber
Dance Captain.....	Jenna Nickel
Set Construction	Cast, Mahershal Simonet, Joy Gehman, Katie Hamman, Tomoe Okada, Daniel Tadese
Animal Design/Construction.....	Steven Abraham, Jordan Brunk, Ivana Gunawan, William Hiendarto, Ryan Kirk, Yuka Matsumoto, Natalie Messer, Samuel Omondi, Mandy Schwartzentruber, Aida Sem, Brandon Wengerd, Gabriela Widowati
Additional Animal Design/Construction.....	Trenna Davenport
Poster Design	Jordan Brunk

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Tabor College, Newton High School

Production Director's Note

When we chose this musical, I was not aware of how big a production it was going to be. However, ignorance is bliss and I am so pleased with our choice! When the directors, cast, and crew realized that we had undertaken a massive project, I am proud to say that no one backed down; in fact, everyone involved gave that much more. What you will see tonight is a culmination of many artists coming together to bring you the greatest story ever told. This is the story of a Father's love for his children—*our* Father, for *we* are the Children of Eden.

With this story comes the bittersweet message that "the hardest part of love...is the letting go." I know that for all the parents watching tonight, especially those of our graduating sophomores, this message rings especially true. For my first year as director at Hesston College, this is also the case. For those of you who have made my first year here so very special, I thank you. To the Class of 2005—"All the world's a stage!" I'm praying for you as you make your entrance onto that stage and thanking God that I was blessed enough to see you take it.

The script specifically notes that "the Authors have found the show to be most effective when performed by a truly multi-racial cast." To that end, the costumes seen on stage represent our brothers and sisters around the world. There is no chorus in this musical. All are storytellers. Even those who "become" main characters were storytellers first and become storytellers again once their story is complete.