



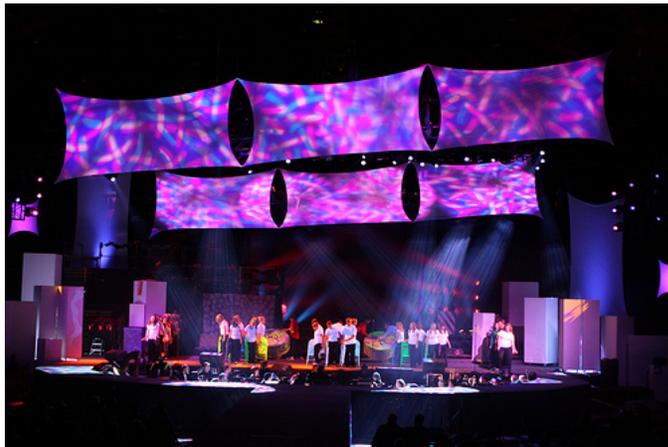
## **FBC ODESSA PRODUCES ORIGINAL CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION**

January 23, 2008 -- Odessa, TX—

The talented design team at First Baptist Church, Odessa, TX, in conjunction with Brawner & Associates, produced an original Christmas production for the The Permian Basin Christmas Celebration in the 10,000 seat Eckerd County Coliseum in Odessa TX.

"Imagine... a world without Christmas" is an original story, led by Worship Pastor Curtis Brewer, which takes place at a local shopping mall in the midst of controversy over the public display of the religious Nativity scene and pressures to change the "Merry Christmas" signs into "Happy Multi Faith Season" signs. Live orchestration,

drama and dance teams, as well as a 180 voice choir accompany Stanley Burgess, a slightly stressed out mall manager, to take the audience on a musical journey to witness, first-hand, the real reason for the season... Jesus! And a transformation of a Christmas season he will never forget.



The set included a 65' X 60' deep stage with multiple stair sections and risers. The versatile scenes were built from rolling pieces that could be turned multiple directions to create different looks. White spandex material covered the headers rigged over the stage creating additional lighting projection surfaces to continue the scenic variety.

Brawner & Associates was called in to design the lighting and coordinate/manage the installation of staging, sets, rigging and lighting for the four performances which ran for three days in mid December.

Donnie Brawner, president of Brawner & Associates says "The challenge of this project was operating in an active professional hockey arena. Everything had to be built from scratch and we had a limited amount of time between games dictating our production schedule. As a result, the ice remained in place while the 3,000 sq. ft. stage, lighting rig and set elements were setup on top of an ice cover and much of the lighting was pre-programmed off-site in our studio here at the office."



Brawner & Associates Production Manager, Dave Loftin states "The pre-production and coordination of this event was a key element to its success. The hockey schedule only allowed an eight day window for this production. Considering three of those days were performance days, the show had to load in and focus in just three days leaving only two days for rehearsals and final programming and one (long) day for strike and load out before the hockey games resumed. It was a tight turnaround but we were able to work it out very well. To me, the logistics of a "not so normal" situation makes the job exciting. It's what we do."

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