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Sight & Sound Theatres® **SAMSON**

Media Tip Sheet

Facts—News Hooks

SYNOPSIS

He's the original superhero--able to defeat entire armies and slay lions in a single Bible story. But his superpower comes with a catch: he must follow the rules. And that's where the trouble begins.

As Samson resists the Philistines--and his own personal calling--he soon falls prey to temptation, losing his strength and sight. But has he lost hope?

Experience this biblical drama in jaw-dropping scale as it comes to life through a world-class cast, spectacular special effects and live animals--on stage and in the aisles. Experience an unforgettable, uplifting thrill ride that literally brings down the house.

PRODUCERS Sight & Sound Theatres®

PREMIERE March 12, 2016

SEASON March 12-Dec. 31, 11 shows weekly

FUN FACTS

- The Sight & Sound Theatres' costume department dressed **Samson's** 54 actors in 7,000 yards of material. That's four miles of fabric.
- **Samson's** 34 live animal stars include horses, dogs, pigs and a water buffalo. Did we mention the pig race?
- **Samson's** massive sets tower up to three stories high (28 feet).
- The sets' inner structure amounts to six miles of aluminum.
- Completing the set construction used enough polystyrene foam to hold more than 2.2 million cups of coffee.
- From conception to completion on stage, **Samson** took three and a half years to develop.
- **Samson** is the latest production from Sight & Sound Theatres, who has produced more than 25 original shows in 40 years.

NEWS HOOKS

No Audience Members Were Harmed in the Temple Destruction

In one riveting you-are-there scene, 12 columns--each 28 feet tall--topple right at the audience. Of course they do. Sight & Sound Theatres tops even its own special-effects record with this 2016 production of **Samson**. Ask producers how they recreated the biblical strong man's single-handed destruction of an immense pagan structure. Live. On stage. (And in the audience, almost.)

Remember Record Players and Slide Projectors?

Sight & Sound Theatres today mean two state-of-the-art 2,000-seat theatres in two states, cutting-edge technology and a massive infrastructure of people, buildings and animals. But it started with a married couple and a slide projector. Ask the Sight & Sound family about the journey from keeping track of slide trays and the nearest electrical outlet to leading the theater industry with its use of cutting edge technology.

CREATIVE TEAM

**Producer/
Director** Jeff Bender

**Executive
Producer** Josh Enck

Writers Jeff Bender

**Music
Composers** John Doryk
Sarafina Bailey
Paul D. Mills
Danny Hamilton
Daniel Semsen
Jeff Bender
Darren Ingram
Sarah Mentzer
Tim Paul

Orchestrations David Shipps

Vocal Arrangements

David Wise
With Erik Foster (*Adonai, Finale*)

Tickets for *Samson* are on sale now, \$54 for adults, \$21 for children 3 to 12, Saturdays \$74/adults, \$21/children.

For tickets, special offers and more information, visit sight-sound.com

Find video updates on **Samson** [here](#).

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- **Samson** press release
- Sight & Sound Theatres media tip sheet
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- Q&A with CEO Matt Neff
- Suggested interview questions

Sight & Sound Theatres

For 40 years Sight & Sound Theatres has delivered unforgettable, uplifting experiences that bring the Bible to life onstage in jaw-dropping scale. In 2,000-seat theaters in Lancaster County, PA, and Branson, MO, more than a million people each year experience original dramatizations of the Bible's most famous stories of faith, courage and redemption. Sight & Sound Theatres' signature special features include spectacular digital effects, massive sets and live animals — on stage and in the aisles.