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# THE THORN

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*"The Thorn" takes its epic story of God's love for the world on an 20-city  
2026 Spring Tour*



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NASHVILLE, TN (September 30, 2025) - "The Thorn," a powerful and popular theatrical event, seen live by over one million people, will bring the passion of Jesus to life this Spring with 40 performances spanning the country. Over the past year, The Thorn has continued to captivate audiences nationwide, drawing more than 160,000 fans to its sold-out performances.

The Thorn offers audiences a unique theatrical experience in a show that has been hailed as "Cirque meets 'The Passion'" thanks to its compelling mix of drama, music, dance, martial arts, aerial acrobatics, emotionally evocative performances, and timeless spiritual perspectives. The story spans from creation to the formation of the early church. Watch the trailer [here](#). For more information, please visit [TheThorn.com](http://TheThorn.com)

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Author John Bolin created the show over 25 years ago to convey the meaning of Christ's sacrificial death to a group of young people who knew little about the story of Jesus' suffering but were familiar with pain through their own practice of cutting and self-harm.

The show has evolved ever since, with the current live version returning to the original format featuring St. John, "the beloved disciple," recalling his many amazing encounters with Jesus.

"It's a story full of love, sacrifice, spiritual warfare, and redemption," said Bolin.

### Spring 2026 Tour Dates

Little Rock, AR | February 10 & 11 | Robinson Center  
Longview, TX | February 14 & 15 | Belcher Center  
Corpus Christi, TX | February 20 & 21 | Selena Auditorium  
McAllen, TX | February 24 & 25 | McAllen Performing Arts Center  
San Antonio, TX | February 27 & 28 | The Tobin Center  
**Abilene, TX | March 4 | Abilene Auditorium**  
Lubbock, TX | March 6 & 7 | The Buddy Holly Hall  
Houston, TX | March 12, 13, & 14 | The Hobby Center for Performing Arts  
Baton Rouge, LA | March 17 & 18 | River Center Theatre  
New Orleans, LA | March 20 & 21 | Saenger Theatre  
Columbus, GA | March 24 & 25 | RiverCenter for the Performing Arts  
Savannah, GA | March 28 & 29 | Johnny Mercer Theatre  
Miami, FL | April 2, 3, & 4 | Ziff Ballet Opera House  
Jacksonville, FL | April 10 & 11 | Moran Theater  
Fort Myers, FL | April 14 & 15 | Barbara B. Mann PAH at FSW  
Gainesville, FL | April 18 | Stephen C. O'Connell Center  
West Palm Beach, FL | April 21 & 22 | Kravis Center  
Tampa, FL | April 24, 25, & 26 | Straz Center  
Tallahassee, FL | April 28 | Donald L. Tucker Civic Center  
Orlando, FL | May 2 & 3 | Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts

### **Jesus Trending:**

Although polls show that U.S. church attendance is declining, interest in Jesus is growing. "The Chosen," the popular streaming series about Jesus, has racked up over 400 million episode views.

"As I first saw with my students 25 years ago, people who may have jaundiced views of Christians or churches are more open to learning about who the real Jesus was, how he lived, and what he taught," said Bolin.

While previous incarnations of "The Thorn" live show have been performed mostly at churches, the new touring model makes the show available to everyone at mainstream performing arts venues and arenas.

"Jesus believes in accessibility," said Bolin. "He wants everyone to have access to the ultimate story of love and hope. That's why he came to earth in the first place."

### **More information about "The Thorn":**

**Live performance details** and tickets are available at [thethorn.com/the-thorn-live](http://thethorn.com/the-thorn-live)

**The feature film** version of the show is available to stream and purchase at [shop.thethorn.com](http://shop.thethorn.com)

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### **TICKETING INFORMATION**

Individual tickets range from \$35-\$145 (additional fees may apply). Tickets are available at the Abilene Convention Center box office (1100 N 6th St), on [ETIX](http://ETIX), by visiting [AbileneConventionCenter.com](http://AbileneConventionCenter.com), or by calling 325-268-5018. Abilene Convention Center's official ticketing partner is ETIX, and we remind patrons to purchase tickets on verified sites and to exercise caution to guard against fraud.

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