

Theater Production Portrays Jesus' Mother as a Lesbian

An Atlanta theater is under fire days before performing *The Most Fabulous Story Ever Told*, a play that rewrites the creation story to feature two homosexual couples and says Mary, the mother of Jesus, was a lesbian.

“Act One recounts the major episodes of the Old Testament, only with a twist: Instead of Adam and Eve, our lead characters are Adam and Steve, and Jane and Mabel, a lesbian couple with whom they decide to start civilization (procreation proves to be a provocative challenge) As these two gay couples navigate the centuries together as friends, and encounter various different odd characters, we follow them through a crazed historical pageant that brings us down to a present-day NYC,” according to a performance description.

Atlanta's Out Front theater is set to perform the play beginning April 27. The theater is known for casting only gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people.

A Catholic group launched a petition to the director to cancel the play.

More than 4,000 people have added their names to a petition that states:

I vehemently protest your showing the blasphemous play The Most Fabulous Story Ever Told, which, among other blasphemies, refers to the Virgin Mary as a lesbian. Please cancel your showing of it.

The Holy Mother of God is most pure and holy. To refer to her as a lesbian, or even to insinuate it, is an unspeakable blasphemy, which I reject with all my soul. I fear God's

wrath will fall upon us if reparation is not made.

If you continue with this presentation, we will urge Catholics to oppose it loudly, peacefully and legally in as large a protest as we can help make possible.

Out Front's artistic director says he has no intention of responding but does think the petition picked up steam due to Easter weekend.

"We had already been in rehearsals for several weeks and had auditions before that," Paul Conroy said. "I guess that's just when someone found us, and my best guess was that it was a Monday, which means that people were at church on Sunday the day before, and that's when it picked up steam." {eoa}