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## **“Creative Connections” to Present Holiday Classic “The Gift of the Magi”**

(SPRINGFIELD, OH) –The Springfield Arts Council’s and Clark County Historical Society’s admission-free “Creative Connection Series” continues with the performance of the holiday story, **“The Gift of the Magi”** on Thursday, December 8 at 7:30 PM at the Heritage Center of Clark County, 117 S. Fountain Ave., in downtown Springfield.

Can a memorable Christmas be made with a dollar and eighty-seven cents? Getting caught up in the commercialism of Christmas, Della and Jim begin to lose sight of the true joy of gift giving and friendship. In **“The Gift of the Magi,”** based on the short story by O. Henry, we follow the young couple on their selfless journey to make each other's holiday dreams come true.

**“The Gift of the Magi”** is produced by Cincinnati ArtReach, the theatrical and dramatic arts outreach division of The Children's Theatre of Cincinnati. The productions, performed by professional actors, bring high-quality theater productions and workshops directly to selected venues in order to increase student and family exposure to the arts.

All “Creative Connections” programs are presented admission-free. Seating is limited and is first-come, first-served. This one-act performance of **“The Gift of the Magi”** is suitable for all members of the family.

The “Creative Connections Series” is presented by the Springfield Arts Council in partnership with the Clark County Historical Society, connecting unique performing artists with events of cultural and historic significance. Upcoming “Creative Connections” performances include:

- **Wednesday, January 18, 7:30 PM – “Jump Back, Honey: The Poetry of Herbert Woodward Martin”** – Video screening of documentary featuring interviews with U.D. Professor Herbert Woodward Martin and discussion of the work of Paul Laurence Dunbar.
- **Thursday, April 19, 7:30 PM – “Osebo’s Drum”** – an interactive live performance by Lincoln Center Teaching Artist Robbi Kumalo, combining traditional folk tales with rhythm and music.

Information about all of the “Creative Connections Series” programs is available the Heritage Center of Clark County, 117 S. Fountain Ave., and online at [springfieldartscouncil.org](http://springfieldartscouncil.org).

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