

Fort Smith Little Theatre

Spotlight

November 25, 2014

Contrary to the title, *The Gift of the Magi* is not about the birth of Jesus. Instead it's a heartwarming and comic look at the spirit of giving.

It's the early 1900s in New York, and Jim and Della have been married for 171 days. Jim longs to buy an elegant set of tortoise shell combs for Della's long, beautiful hair. Della wants to buy a fine chain for Jim's watch, a gold timepiece left to him by his grandfather. But how? Della's generous heart has prompted her to give away her savings to a neighbor in need; Jim has spent his savings trying to keep up with his work mates. The result? Della has \$1.87 and Jim has \$1.46. How will they ever find the money to buy the wonderful gift the other deserves? In their quest to find gifts, Jim and Della encounter Della's sisters, a down-on-her-luck neighbor, Jim's philosophical and merry office mates, a busy boot clerk, a kind watch salesman, and a questionable Russian countess.

The story is told by a group of carolers who set the scenes, narrate the story, and sing Christmas favorites such as "Good Christian Men Rejoice," "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," "Deck the Halls," and "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

Micki Voelkel directs this Christmas classic. Adapted by Jon Jory from the classic short story by O. Henry, *The Gift of the Magi* is billed as a short Christmas comedy. The production is produced by special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc. Performances, which will run approximately one hour, will be offered December 11, 12 and 13 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door. No reservations will be accepted.

So, take a break from shopping for everyone else, and give yourself a present – an evening at FSLT to attend *The Gift of the Magi*.

CAST:

Della: Victoria Jones
Jim: Ian Miller
Chief Narrator/Caroler: Joseph Reed
Clarice/Boot Clerk/Caroler: Summer Ferguson
Dot/Woman with Umbrella/Caroler: Laura Pierson

Madame Vodskaya/Caroler: Kim Pierson
Watch Clerk/Caroler: Joe Graham
Digsby/Caroler: Eric Wells
Art/Caroler: Robert Montgomery

CREW:

Director/Lights: Micki Voelkel
Stage Manager: Duff Taylor

The Gift of the Magi



A short Christmas Comedy

Adapted by Jon Jory

From the short story by O. Henry

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It's Showtime

Gift of the Magi

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Performances:

Thursday - Saturday
December 11-13 at 7:30 pm

General Admission

Seating:

Admission is \$5.00 per person. Just pay at the door. No reservations will be accepted. This show is not part of our regular season, so admission is not provided by your Season Ticket.

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NEXT UP

Auditions for the next FSLT production, *Pride and Prejudice* by Jon Jory, adapted from the Jane Austen novel, will be held at the theatre at 7:00 p.m. on: **Monday January 5 and Tuesday January 6, 2015.**

The cast for this comedy calls for 6-11 men and 8-13 women between the ages of 15 to 70. Duff Taylor will be directing. Production dates are February 12-22. For more information, go to fslt.org.

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