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**Actors Break a Leg  
While Guests Break Bread  
at “Gifts of the Magi” Dinner Theater**

Virginia Beach, Va. (November 28, 2007) – The Founders Inn and Spa hosts a captivating dinner theatre rendition of “The Gifts of the Magi,” a heart-warming, musical treat, adapted from two short stories by O. Henry. Produced by Regent University Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE), the production is directed by the Regent University Summer Theater Camp director Chris Nelson. The all-star cast includes two students from the Virginia Governor’s School for the Arts, local professional actors, in addition to the Master of Fine Arts students in the Theater Department at Regent University.

Productions actors perform in the ballroom on December 2 and 16 at both a 2:00 p.m. matinee and at 7:00 p.m., and on December 9 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$35 for children 12 and under. Seating is limited, so be sure to call 366-5700 for reservations. “The Gifts of the Magi,” a light-hearted musical with wonderful songs and quirky characters, will entertain dinner guests for 75 minutes following a formal three-course dinner. There is a brief 15 minutes intermission between the dinner and the start of the play

Guests should come with a slight sense of adventure! Although the performance will not directly include the diners, the cast does approach the audience, pass through the aisles, mingle in between tables, and even speaks to members of the audience. No need for stage fright, though. Diners will not be asked to actively participate, other than to just sit back and enjoy the dynamic performance that will pull them into the compelling drama for the evening.

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**About The Founders Inn and Spa**

Boasting old-world charm and the finest southern hospitality, The Founders Inn and Spa provides the appeal and warmth of a country inn, accented by beautiful antiques and historic artifacts, with a new \$5 million full-service resort spa, grand scale pool featuring a circular slide and interactive fountains, luxurious amenities and award-winning cuisine. The Inn's 240 guestrooms and suites include High Speed Internet access, generous workspace and views of 26 landscaped acres. Select rooms include gas fireplaces, and views of the lake and formal gardens. The Founders Inn and Spa is located at 5641 Indian River Road in Virginia Beach near exit 286B off Interstate 64 East. For reservations and additional information, please call 800-926-4466 or visit [www.foundersinn.com](http://www.foundersinn.com).

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Photo 1 The Cast of *The Gifts of the Magi* bring drama to the Founders Inn and Spa's new Dinner Theater.