

The NoneSuch Playmakers present

The Gift of the **Magi**

a new look at the holiday classic
by O. Henry

**Our
18th
Season!**

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The Cast

(in order of appearance)

Della Young: Meredith Dowdy
Kathleen Sullivan (as an adult): Jane Tucker
Kathleen Sullivan (age 10): Alyssa Mitchem*
Valerie Sullivan: Angela Llewellyn
Jim Young: Teddy Flippin
“Duke” Ellison: Chris Powell
Madame Saffron: Dani Davis
Father Connelly: Brack Llewellyn
Delivery Guy: William Carpenter

Other Voices:

Joey Marion, Billie Smith, Chris Powell, Zac Davis

**denotes a newcomer to the NoneSuch Playmakers*

Stage Manager: Jessica Llewellyn
Lights and Sound: Brack Llewellyn, Angela Llewellyn
Costumes: Angela Llewellyn and the cast
Set and Props: Brack Llewellyn, Chris Powell and the cast
Running Crew: Jessica Llewellyn, William Carpenter and the cast

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ACT I

- Scene 1: The Youngs’ apartment in Flatbush, two weeks before
Christmas; late afternoon
Scene 2: The docks in Manhattan, immediately following
Scene 3: The apartment, immediately following
Scene 4: Various businesses around Brooklyn and a bench in
Prospect Park, the next day
Scene 5: Outside the window at Hudson’s Appliance Store,
later that afternoon
Scene 6: Outside the window at Hudson’s Appliance Store,
five days before Christmas

INTERMISSION 10 minutes

ACT II

Scene 1: The apartment, Christmas Eve morning

Scene 2: Madame Saffron's shop, about an hour later

Scene 3: St. Michael's Church, about noon that same day

Scene 4: The apartment, about an hour later

Scene 5: Madame Saffron's shop, mid-afternoon the same day

Scene 6: A bench in Prospect Park, 5:00pm on Christmas Eve

Scene 7: The apartment, about 6:00pm

Meet the Cast of *The Gift of the Magi*



Meredith Dowdy (*Della Young*) joined the Nonesuch Playmakers in 2016 as Little Dog in the Stokes Arts Council production of "A Dog's Life". Since then, she has enjoyed participating in productions of "Uh Oh! Here Comes Christmas!", "Quilters," and "Uncle Charlie's Christmas Carol", and "Two One Two Four". Meredith is a native of Mount Airy and is enjoying her first year as music teacher at Jones Intermediate and B.H. Tharrington Primary Schools. She is also serving as assistant director of the MAHS Granite Bear Marching Band.



Teddy Flippin (*Jim Young*) joined the NoneSuch Playmakers one year ago, debuting as the merry nephew of Scrooge in *Uncle Charlie's Christmas Carol*. He rejoined them as romance author Windham Delaney in the one act *Bestseller*. Ted is a college student with a fascination for storytelling. He writes short stories, which he hopes to get published someday. He is proud and honored to join the NoneSuchers once again in *The Gift of the Magi*.



Angela Llewellyn (*Valerie Sullivan*), co-founder of the NoneSuch Playmakers, wants to thank her friends for joining our cast in this, and all our other shows. We appreciate you sharing your talents with us! I'm also happy to bring new talent to the NoneSuchers by leading the theatre troupes at the Mt. Airy Public Library, **The Dewey Decimal Players** and **'Tween the Lines**.



Alyssa Mitchem (*Katherine Sullivan, age 10*) makes her debut with the Nonesuch Playmakers in "The Gift of the Magi". She is 11 years old and a sixth grader at Millennium Charter Academy. Alyssa spends most of her time crafting and drawing. One of her current passion is taking sign language and playing her ukulele with the MAUI group. Her best four-legged friend is her shorkie named Groot.



Chris Powell (*Duke Ellison*) returns to us in his 7th NoneSuch production. He thinks himself more singer than actor, but this marks his 3rd production without singing. Chris is a husband, a father, and currently studies at High Point University's Fred Wilson School of Pharmacy where he is 3 semesters away from earning a Doctorate of Pharmacy. He hopes to one day use this degree to help patients with cancer in an Ambulatory Clinic. He is very excited to return to the NoneSuch stage with friends both old and new.



Danielle (Dani) Davis (*Madame Saffron*) joined NoneSuch in the summer of 2019 with their local premiere of *Good 'Ol Girls*. She is the vocal instructor and Choir Director of Millennium Charter Academy. In her native Pennsylvania she performed and competed in concert and competition choirs and bands, and sang with a group at the national level. Dani has performed with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra on oboe, and is a vocal and instrumental jazz performer and fanatic. She was a music education and piano major at Grove City College. Along with the oboe, she plays and teaches flute, alto-tenor-baritone saxophones, piano, bass and acoustic guitars, ukulele, bassoon, and some mallet percussion. Dani loves working with such an amazing and talented group, and can't wait to see what the future with NoneSuch has in store!



Jane Tucker (*Kathleen Sullivan, present day*) returns to the role in *The Gift of the Magi* that she first portrayed in the original production in 2009. Past favorite productions for Jane include *Steel Magnolias*, *Driving Miss Daisy*, *To Kill A Mockingbird*, *Good Ol' Girls*, *Love, Loss and What I Wore* and *On Golden Pond*. She sends her best wishes for a Merry Christmas to the cast, crew and our audience.



Brack Llewellyn (*Father Connelly*) is a forty-year veteran of local and regional stages. In 2001 he co-founded The NoneSuch Playmakers with his wife Angela. Now eighteen seasons and more than 150 productions later, Brack takes this opportunity to wish the entire NoneSuch family a Merry Christmas and a sincere thank you for sharing your many talents. Onward.



William Carpenter (*Delivery Guy*) is a senior in high school and also takes classes at Surry Community College. He's been participating in plays with the Mount Airy Public Library's Dewey Decimal Players for the past six years. *The Gift of the Magi* is his third production with The Nonesuch Playmakers.

The NoneSuch Playmakers dedicate this production and our entire 2019 season to the memory of NoneSuch founding member Claire Hill Collins (1975-2019). Always in our hearts!

