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To whom it may concern:

The Elite Theatre Company (ETC) has a reputation for being a showcase for new plays. We produce at least one unproduced, unpublished play in our regular season each year, conduct an annual one-act play competition which culminates into the winning five plays being produced in our annual one-act play festival in January, and we commission playwrights to write plays for our annual Youth Production.

For 2012, we commissioned Jeffrey Scharf to write three one-act plays, adaptations of *The Gift of the Magi*, *The Legend of the Poinsettia*, and *The Wind in the Willows*, under the omnibus title of *The Three Gifts of Christmas*, for our Christmas Youth Production in December, 2012.

Mr. Scharf has written three wonderfully entertaining one-acts which can be produced individually or all together. As an intergenerational production, it was artistically and technically cohesive, allowing for actors of all ages to work together. As theater, it was overwhelmingly popular with adults and children. The play received excellent reviews from the media and our audiences.

The plays are simple to produce and doubling can allow for a few actors to portray all the roles. Mr. Scharf worked closely with the production team to fine tune his script. In my 30 years working in theater, I have not had a better experience working with a playwright. This trilogy of plays deserves publication and productions, and I hope, Dear Reader, you will consider accepting Mr. Scharf's script into your repertoire.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

S. T. "Tom" Eubanks, Artistic Director
THE ELITE THEATRE COMPANY