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2015 CHRISTMAS ART WALK TO FEATURE INTERNATIONAL ARTISTS Barrington Village Shops to Host “A Gift to Remember”

BARRINGTON, IL, Sept. 25, 2015 - The Jonahre Foundation is pleased to announce its 2015 Christmas Art Walk, “A Gift to Remember,” which will take place in the Village of Barrington from December 12-24, 2015. The art walk will open to the public with a celebratory meet-and-greet of the artists and refreshments in the stores on Saturday, December 12. Visitors from near and far are invited to explore, discover and walk through twelve stores in the Village of Barrington to view the works of twelve artists commissioned for the event.

Six of the twelve artists featured in this year’s walk are international, hailing from as far as Iran and South Africa. Each commissioned work of art interprets one of twelve Biblical events from the story of the first Christmas, from Gabriel’s announcement to Mary through the Wise Men’s presentation of gold, frankincense and myrrh. In many cases, the store setting relates to the featured artwork, as with an Ardmore Ceramic piece showing the Wise Men’s gift of gold to be displayed at M.J. Miller jewelers.

The event was born in 2013, when Jonahre’s founder, Christine Gunn-Danforth, PhD., was asked to recreate the Passion Art Walk experience she designed - this time telling the story of Christmas. “We want to bring light and connection to the community, and a reminder of the true gift of Christmas,” Christine said. “Jesus was born into a humble village so far away, yet we can use our own Village to bring him into our hearts.”

Mike Shipley, owner of Cook Street Coffee, says he is glad to have the opportunity to participate in the walk. “We really enjoy the event, and we like having the diversity of art in the cafe,” Mike said. “It’s a fun, unique thing that the community takes part in, that adds to the spirit of Christmas in town.”

The Jonahre Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing Biblical storytelling to life through the arts to transform lives. Its mission is to develop, operate and promote charitable and religious programs via the Jonahre model, intended to bring truth to reality through Biblical storytelling. For more information, please visit www.christmasartwalk.com, or www.facebook.com/ChristmasArtWalk.