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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**KIDS CREATE HANDMADE TOYS AND GIFTS AT “KIDS IN THE COURTYARD,”  
A HOLIDAY ART WORKSHOP & PERFORMANCE SERIES**

**--Presented by Armory Center for the Arts at One Colorado--**

Pasadena, Calif. (December 2005) – The Armory Center for the Arts reintroduces a nearly lost art -- children creating imaginative gifts-from-the-heart. Offered every Tuesday between Thanksgiving and Christmas at 1:00 P.M. in the One Colorado Courtyard, this series of holiday gift-making workshops allows kids to make one-of-a-kind, heart-felt gifts for friends and loved ones. Art projects are staged near the 35-foot One Colorado Christmas tree in a semi-enclosed outdoor space, with tables and some seating for parents. All art materials are provided, and activities are free and open to the public.

Overseen and guided by artists from the Armory, kids will have the opportunity to paint, mold, twist, paste, mix, dazzle and build fun gifts like crazee Christmas crowns, tree top stilt angels, wooden whirlybirds, winter clayscapes, memory boxes and handmade cards. Each Tuesday emphasizes a different aspect of the holidays, and all creations are made from found trinkets, papers, unusual items, fabric, clay and everyday stuff just waiting to be transformed in a holiday treasure.

Along with the art projects, each Tuesday there will be professional storytellers and performers. Together, the gift-making themes and performers will inspire the imaginations of children, creating a magical space where everything is possible. It's a wonderful way for young children to begin the holiday season.

**SCHEDULE:**

**Tuesday, December 6**

Epoxie Unglued

It's a clowny Christmas when Epoxie Unglued, from the Jumbo Shrimp Circus and Aga-Boom, celebrate the holidays, circus-style. Epoxie's skills combine to create an old-fashioned show filled with juggling, magic, music, and comedy.

**Tuesday, December 13**

Storytelling by Grace Lacques

Participatory storytime with Grace, her assistant Trish, and "the mysterious Christmas skirt!" Conjure up the magic of the holidays as kids share in this fun-filled captivating experience.

**Tuesday, December 20**

Obediah Thomas

Kids will laugh and be amazed at Obediah's antics and even get an opportunity to test his super extra hugemondo heavy bowling ball. Obediah plays trumpet, and kids sing along to holiday favorites.

The **Armory Center for the Arts** is a Pasadena-based community arts center that offers innovative approaches to creating, exploring, and presenting the visual and performing arts to students of all ages. In addition to providing an outlet for contemporary art exhibitions and performances, the Armory offers studio art classes and a variety of educational outreach programs to schools and the community. For further information about the Armory Center for the Arts, visit [www.armoryarts.org](http://www.armoryarts.org)

**One Colorado** is an outdoor shopping, dining and entertainment destination, spanning one city block in Old Pasadena. This award-winning property unites the urban environment of 17 historic buildings with 40 contemporary fashion and dining attractions. The One Colorado Courtyard, designed in the tradition of European town squares, hosts concerts, festivals, live swing and salsa presentations, high-quality fine art markets and site-specific art installations curated by the Armory Center for the Arts. One Colorado has made a commitment to the arts through its partnership with numerous Pasadena organizations. [www.onecolorado.net](http://www.onecolorado.net)

One Colorado is located on Colorado Blvd. between Fair Oaks Avenue and DeLacey Avenue. Convenient parking is located in the adjacent multi-level structure at Fair Oaks and Union.

The general public is asked to please call 626.564.1066 for further information.