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Henry B. Plant Museum Participating in Tampa Archives Awareness Week *Will Premiere Short Documentary Film "Gems from Olivette"*

Tampa, FL - On Sunday, July 9, 2023, the Henry B. Plant Museum will participate in the City of Tampa's Archives Awareness Week by premiering the short documentary film, *Gems from Olivette: The Sexual Politics of Audran's The Marriage of Olivette*. The film recreates performances of the most popular songs from Edmond Audran's *Olivette*, the musical comedy that took Tampa by storm in the 1890's. These reenactments are combined with archival images and expert commentary to explore class tensions in Gilded Age America over respectability in popular entertainment.

"Everyone at the Henry Plant Museum is excited and honored to celebrate Tampa's birthday by participating in Archives Awareness Week," said Dan Carpenter, Museum Relations Manager. "The Tampa Bay Hotel was central to the growth and development of our City, and being able to share our history in this annual event is very special."

"Archives Awareness Week is the perfect venue to premiere *Gems from Olivette*," said Historian in Residence, Dr. Charles McGraw Groh. "There is no history without the preservation of documents, and we would not have been able to recover this important piece of musical theater history without the works of archivists."

The film is free and open to public, and will be shown in the Grand Salon of Plant Hall at 1:00 pm. After the film, attendees are welcome to join Dr. McGraw Groh for audience questions and a brief look at highlights from the Tampa Bay Casino's 1923 theatrical season. Light refreshments will be provided.

Archives Awareness Week was established in 1992 by the City of Tampa Archives Advisory Committee. Each year, local archives come together to present their collections through exhibits and programs that convey the value of archives in the identification, preservation, and conservation of historic records.

The Henry Plant Museum interprets the Tampa Bay Hotel and the experiences of the diverse individuals who contributed to its success. The Museum ignites thought and transports visitors to another era through exhibits and innovative programs, so that they may be educated and inspired by the lifestyles, times and experiences of Florida's early tourist industry. The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm, Sunday, noon to 5 pm. Closed Mondays and select other dates. Plantmuseum.com

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