**MUSE MACHINE IN-SCHOOL ARTISTS**

**DEAN SIMMS & RICH BEGEL**

**THE LIFE & MUSIC OF LOUIS ARMSTRONG**

**To be read by a teacher or student:**

Today’s Muse Machine performance is about jazz icon Louis Armstrong, who lived from 1901 to 1971. He rose from devastating poverty to become the biggest star of the 20th Century. He starred in movies, on TV, Broadway, and on the radio, transforming jazz with his trumpet playing and signature gravelly voice.

Today’s artists include Dean Simms, an R&B Hall of Famer with the platinum-selling band The Ohio Players. Dean now tours as the world’s number one Louis Armstrong tribute artist in “The Satchmo Show.” And Rich Begel *[pronounced “Beagle”]*, who has performed with artists such as Ray Charles, Dave Brubeck, “Weird Al” Yankovic, The Beach Boys, Aretha Franklin, The Indigo Girls, and the voice of Bart Simpson, Dayton’s own Nancy Cartwright. Rich is a trombonist with the Dayton Philharmonic and other ensembles.

Please welcome Dean and Rich as they invite us into the Life and Music of Louis Armstrong!