

## Announces 2012-2013

# Season of Miracles



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It's hard to believe we are on the brink of starting our 5th season at the historic Crighton Theatre! Given the economic conditions in which we started our theatre company we consider it a miracle that we made it to year five, so we are calling our upcoming season; "A Season of Miracles." We've chosen some miracle themed shows to reinforce our belief that it truly is with help from above that we've been able to endure and prosper.

Since we have not yet cast these productions, STAGE RIGHT mascot Harley Wong (who is a miracle rescue boy himself) has agreed to pose for the photos in this article. Harley has appeared

in two of our productions; *Cheaper by the Dozen* and *Christmas Belles*, and appeared in numerous parades. He hopes to snag a part in at least one of our productions this season.

### THE MIRACLE WORKER

We start our season of miracles with the moving and inspirational true story of Helen Keller. Immortalized onstage and screen by Anne Bancroft and Patty Duke, William Gibson's classic play dramatizes the volatile relationship between the lonely teacher and her charge. Blind and deaf from an illness in her infancy, Helen was trapped in a



*Harley Wong as Annie Sullivan*



secret, silent world, unable to communicate. Indulged by her family to lead a spoiled, violent, and almost sub-human existence she meets her match in her teacher Annie Sullivan. Only Annie realizes that there is a mind and spirit waiting to be rescued from the dark, tortured silence. With scenes of intense physical and emotional dynamism, Annie's success with Helen finally comes with the utterance of a single, glorious word: "water." Come see this uplifting story of determination and love Sept 7 - 23.

**MY THREE ANGELS**



*Convict Harley Wong in My Three Angels*

Christmas Eve and it's only 105 degrees in the shade. Welcome to French Guiana where paroled convicts from the local penal colony move about with relative freedom. What we soon learn is that on the outside it is often very hard to tell who the real criminals are. Sometimes the only difference between freemen and those from the Bastille is that the incarcerated have been caught and prosecuted for their crimes. *My Three Angels* takes a warm, witty and romantic look at our long-standing moral convictions of what is right and wrong. We are taught that good must surely

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and always triumph over evil. But as is the case in our story, does the end always justify the means? This you will have to decide for yourself as our felonious triumvirate intervenes in the lives of an innocent family which is now perched on the brink of financial ruin. Proficient in the illicit skills of theft, forgery, extortion and yes, even murder, our unlikely heroes arrive in timely fashion to remind us all of what is truly most important. This hilarious holiday classic will be presented November 30 – December 16.

Something new this holiday season at STAGE RIGHT will be a show geared just for kids to be presented as a Saturday matinee during the run of *My Three Angels*. What will the show be? Stay tuned, but be assured that we are going to present a puppet show of a classic holiday story. The show will be followed by cookies and visits with Santa. This will be a holiday treat we hope to make a new Christmas at the Crighton tradition!

### THE DROWSY CHAPERONE

The curtain rises on a present day musical theatre fanatic eager to tell you about his favorite Broadway musical – “The Drowsy Chaperone.” As he begins listening to the rare cast recording, the show cleverly and magically blooms to life, telling the hilarious debonair fiancée, an overzealous producer, a dizzy chorine, the Latin lover and a couple



*Harley Wong as the Drowsy (drunk) Chaperone*

of bumbling gangsters. Ruses are played, hi-jinx occur and the plot spins everyone into musical comedy euphoria. If you love good old-fashioned tap-dancing, toe tapping tuneful shows, you will not want to miss *The Drowsy Chaperone*. The show runs February 15 – March 3, 2013.

### THE RED VELVET CAKE WAR

STAGE RIGHT was honored to be able to present the world premiere of a play in our 2011-2012 season by the three most widely produced playwrights in the United States; Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope, and Jamie Wooten. *Mama Won't Fly* was an



*Harley Verdeen Wong judging the Red Velvet Cake War*

instant audience hit and our patrons pleaded for us to present more Southern fried comedies by this talented trio. *The Red Velvet Cake War* brings us into the lives of the wacky Verdeen family as they attempt to throw a reunion on the hottest day of July smack-dab in the middle of Texas tornado

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season. Things spin hilariously out of control when a neighbor's pet devours everything edible, a one-eyed suitor shows up to declare his love and a shocking high-stakes wager is made on who bakes the best red velvet cake. An uproarious delight sure to satisfy your comedy sweet-tooth! The show runs April 19 – May 5. As an added bite of fun, we are going to have a red velvet cake war of our own. Opening night we will have a competition for who bakes the best red velvet cake. Patrons are encouraged to bring in their entry and we'll have local theatre and food critics act as judges. The winner will receive a free season subscription to our next season!



*Harley Toto Wong killer of wicked witches of the west*

### THE WIZARD OF OZ

Made famous by the classic film starring Judy Garland; Dorothy Gale of Kansas, like so many girls her age dreams of what lies over the rainbow. One day a twister hits her farm and carries her away over the rainbow to another world. Come join Dorothy, the Scarecrow, the Tinman, and Cowardly Lion and Toto in the merry old land of Oz. *The Wizard of Oz* takes flight July 12 – 28, 2013.



*Harley waiting for the show to begin*

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Season tickets for our Season of Miracles can be purchased by calling the Crighton Theatre box office; 936-441-SHOW (7469). Call anytime and we'll get back to you during box office hours (M-F 3-6 pm and 3 pm till show time on show dates). Or, drop by the theatre during box office house and purchase tickets in person. The historic Crighton Theatre is located at 234 N. Main Street in downtown Conroe.

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