

STAGE RIGHT

Introduces You to a Few Angels

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It is hard to believe STAGE RIGHT is on the brink of our 5th season at the historic Crighton Theatre. Our theatre company began with a Christmas show in 2008 when the former resident theatre group at the Crighton left. A few of us couldn't bear the thought of the Crighton standing dark at Christmas so in true Mickey Rooney fashion we said "Let's put on a show!" We could

have never made it through that first show, or the second, or the third, or any show without the help of many individuals that showed up at just the right time to lend a hand. Our holiday show is about three 'angels' that show up at just the right time to help a family through a difficult time with hilarious results. The scene is French Guiana, Christmas day 1910 where the temperature has graciously dropped to 104 degrees. Three ami-

able convicts are employed as roofers at Ducotel's General Store. The roof winds up being the least of the Ducotel family's trouble. On the way from France are an evil-minded cousin and his cold-blooded nephew, who jilted the Ducotel's daughter

The cast of
My Three Angels
wish you a
Merry Christmas



for an heiress. The three convicts are passionate believers in true justice, and decide it's their job to take the visitors on. Possessing every criminal art and penal grace, they set matters right in this captivating and comedic holiday treasure. You and your entire family will agree that justice has never been funnier!

Show dates for *My Three Angels* are Nov. 30 - Dec. 16 with Friday & Saturday performances at 8 pm and two Sunday matinees on Dec. 9 & 16 at 2 pm. Performances will be held at the historic Crighton Theatre located at 234 N. Main in downtown Conroe. Tickets for *My Three Angels* can be obtained by calling the Crighton Theatre box office at 936-441-SHOW or online at www.stage-right.org. Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$15 for seniors and \$12 for youth. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more.

Like the convicts that help the Ducotel family, we have had quite an unusual assortment of folks help us bring this wonderful show to the Crighton stage. The cast is composed of actors new to the Crighton and some that have trod the Crighton boards many times before. Three of the youngest members of our cast are all students at Lone Star College and *My Three Angels* marks their Crighton debut. Playing ingénue Marie Louise Ducotel is Kayla Fetterhoff. Kayla is studying History and Acting and plans to become a high school teacher. Playing Marie Louise's love interest Paul is Alex Allen. Alex is a Drama major at Lone Star and hopes one day to follow in the film footsteps of his idols Jack Lemmon and James Stewart. Lone Star student Ta'Cheryl Lemon plays busybody Madame Parole. Ta'Cheryl became interested in theatre while attending DeKaney High School and some of her favorite shows there include *Of Mice and Men*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*.

Have you ever sat in the audience of a show and thought to yourself: "Wow, that looks like such fun, I've always wanted to try that!" We have one performer in our cast that thought just that while watching our production of *Cinderella*. Chanda Rhoades decided that she was going to do something she'd wanted to do since she was a child; act on a stage. She came to auditions and won the part of Emilie Ducotel. Also new to

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the Crighton stage, but not new to acting, is Jim Matthews who plays the evil Henri Trochard. Jim is a financial advisor by day but has nurtured his love of theatre since playing a crocus in the second grade. School seems to be when many folks get bitten by the acting bug. Will Radcliffe, who plays Felix Ducotel, became a fan of community theatre when he was in college. Now a retired lawyer, Will resumed his affection for the stage when he moved to Conroe several years ago. He was last seen on the Crighton stage in *The Carol Burnett Show*.

Our three convicts have all performed at the Crighton before and are glad to be returning to the crown jewel of Montgomery County for this show.

Dennis O'Connor, who portrays Joseph (the creative account-

tant convict), has returned to the Crighton after a 5 year hiatus in New York. Dennis has had a 32 year love affair with the Crighton stage. He has appeared in Crighton productions too numerous to mention. His favorites include director Jeanne Brasher's 1990 production of *Camelot*, *Stalag 17*, and portraying Kris Kringle in *Miracle on 34th Street*. Tom Richard, who portrays Jules the soulful convict, is returning to the Crighton after performing in *The Carol Burnett Show*. Tom was involved in theatre in college and was inspired by his daughters to get back on stage. Young impulsive convict Alfred is portrayed by Phillip Skoblick. A graduate of New Caney High School Phillip was last seen on the Crighton stage in *The Music Man* and recently appeared in the TV movie *Charlatan* where he played a car thief (perhaps that was prep-

aration for this felonious role!).

Now that you've met some of our angels we hope you will be inspired by their stories and perhaps be an angel to us in a future production. If you've always wanted to act; give it a try. If you have a passion for building, sewing or painting; we can always use your talents. Do you like to meet new people; come help us usher a show. Sign up to receive our monthly newsletter via email to see what's cooking at the Crighton and come lend a hand! Visit our website www.stage-right.org to sign up for the newsletter. We hope you will consider coming to our Holiday Open House on Dec. 8 from 1-5 pm. We'll be selling concessions during the Conroe Christmas Parade which starts at 1 pm. After the parade, swing on by the Crighton for some fun. At 2 pm we'll have puppet and



Alfred introducing Adolphe to Emilie

The convicts making sure the path of romance is a smooth one for Marie Louise and Paul



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Melissa Nichols and Ick the Germ

Uncle Henri is not too happy about Paul's attention to Marie Louise

Will Radcliffe as Felix with a very upset Henri played by Jim Matthews



Thinking Angels

Dennis O'Connor as Joseph with Ta'Cheryl Lemon as Madame Parole

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