

Lost Santa Claus!

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STAGE RIGHT of Texas, resident theatre company at the historic Crighton Theatre has lost their Santa Claus! The actor originally cast in the role of Santa for our production of *Miracle on 34th Street* has had to leave the show (he made one too many visits to the Corner Pub!). Miraculously, we had a very genial elderly gent show up to take his place – his name is Kris Kringle. Kris seemed to slip in to the part of Santa so easily and even had his own authentic white whiskers and costume. How will Kris do at playing the role? We hope you will come find out Dec. 2 – 18!

Come to the Crighton this Christmas to BELIEVE in miracles again as STAGE RIGHT presents the classic Christmas tale *Miracle on 34th Street*. Based on the original beloved 1947 motion picture and adapted for the stage from the book by Valentine Davies, *Miracle on 34th Street* tells the story of a gentleman by the name Kris Kringle who by chance gets a job working as Santa for Macy's during the

Judge Harper with his upset grandkids



A concerned Dr Pierce with her jolly friend Kris

Kris won't allow a drunk Santa ruin the parade

FULL LIST OF THE CAST

ber Scarlett as the feisty Fiona in our recent production of *Shrek-The Musical*. Playing Doris's daughter Susan Walker is Scarlett's real-life daughter Aria Czarnopis. Little Aria has graced the Crighton stage as a Munchkin in our production of *The Wizard of Oz* and as the littlest Fiona, again alongside her mom, in *Shrek-The Musical*. Playing the affable Fred Gailey who tries to get Doris and Susan to allow themselves to enjoy the magic of the season, is Joe Witcraft. Joe drew huge laughs in his multiple roles in *Legally Blonde* this past summer. Joining us for the first time is current Conroe Chamber President Brian Bondy. Brian performed in numerous shows in Kerrville and he makes his Conroe debut as Kris's foil; Mr. Sawyer.

In addition to the very seasoned cast members in the leading roles, Dinah has cast some STAGE RIGHT supporters that have worked tirelessly behind the scenes on many productions. Recent winner of the Pursuit of Excellence Award from STAGE RIGHT is Jill Villalobos making her stage debut as Mrs. Shellhammer. Jill has been stage manager on many of our productions including *Singin' in the Rain*. Also making her stage debut is Sonali Aggarwal. Sonali has worked on the running crew for numerous productions and now she is portraying Kris's friend Dr. Pierce. Also included in the cast is the entire Kourik family - Mom and Dad brought the kids to auditions and decided to give it a try too!

As with every STAGE RIGHT show, we highlight a need in the community and then throw a spotlight on an organization helping fill that need. Before you come to the show, please pick up a gift for needy 'seasoned citizens'. The holidays can be a lonely time for seniors with the focus so often on kids so we are asking our

Kris Kringle	Himself
Dr. Pierce	Sonali Aggarwal
Jim the Zookeeper.....	Phil Clarke
Macy's Employees.....	Kennedy Rockwell, Kayla Adams
Raggedy Ann	Katie Kowalik
Raggedy Andy	Chase Kourik
Doris Walker.....	Scarlett Czarnopis
Shellhammer.....	Jill Villalobos
Miss Adams.....	Alissa Boxleitner
Bad Santa	Will Radcliffe
Child at Parade	Karson Hudman
Cleo.....	Darby Baker
Fred Gailey	Joe Witcraft
Susan.....	Aria Czarnopis
Jake.....	Micah Clarke
Jake's Mother.....	Denise DeBold
Judy	Karson Hudman
Judy's Mother	Rachel Rockwell
Sally	Daire Mary-Lynn McLeod
Sally's Mother	Tanya Nero
Maryke	Katie Kowalik
Maryke's Mother	Rebecca Clarke
Macy's Elves	Kennedy Rockwell, Kayla Adams
Mr. Macy	Glenn Kourik
Sawyer	Brian Bondy
Newspaper Boys.....	Chase Kourik, John Wallace Barton
Radio Announcer.....	Blake Kourik
Photographer	Tanya Nero
Susan's Friends	Daire Mary-Lynn McLeod, Katie Kowalik
Bellevue Doctor	Darby Baker
Dr. Rogers	Bridget Kourik
Judge Harper	Will Radcliffe
Finley the Bailiff.....	Blake Kourik
Charlie Halloran.....	Phil Clarke
Thomas Mara	Chuck Meyer
Mrs. Harper.....	Diane Harrison
Harper Grandchildren	Cordelia Barton, John Wallace Barton
Reporters.....	Autumn Juel, Denise DeBold
Tommy Mara.....	Jason Victoria, Jr. (Chase Kourik – Understudy)
Alice Golden.....	Rachel Rockwell
Louise Spoleto.....	Tanya Nero
Featured Singers.....	Darby Baker, Jaden Daviss, Karson Hudman, Daire Mary-Lynn McLeod



We need a replacement for Santa

patrons to bring an unwrapped gift for seniors that we will donate to the Salvation Army. We collected 3 large moving boxes full of gifts last year and hope to overwhelm the Salvation Army again this year. Gift items could be personal care items, soaps, denture care, shampoo, blankets, socks, slippers, pajamas, reading glasses, etc. Let's make this Christ-

mas a joyous one for those of all ages.

Miracle on 34th Street runs Dec. 2 – 18; Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 pm and three Sunday matinees at 2 pm. Performances are at the historic Crighton Theatre located at 234 N. Main St. in downtown Conroe. Tickets for *Miracle on 34th Street* are only \$22 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$15 for youth. Group discounts

are available by calling the box office. Tickets can be purchased online at www.stage-right.org or by calling the Crighton box office at 936-441-SHOW (7469).

However you spend your holidays, we wish you a joyous and peaceful season. Come to the Crighton and BELIEVE again! ♦

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