

STAGE RIGHT

presents

Mel Brooks' *The Producers*

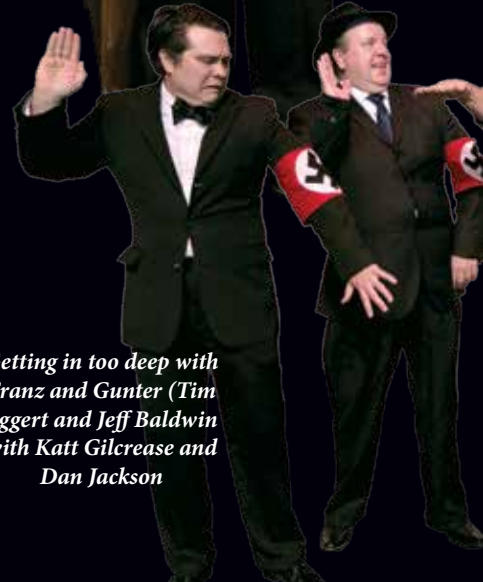
Feb 12-28, 2016

By Carolyn Corsano Wong
Photos: Michael Pittman Images



*Leo, Ulla and Max played by Tim Eggert,
Sara Preisler and Jeff Baldwin*

STAGE RIGHT of Texas, resident theatre company at the historic Crighton Theatre, presents Mel Brooks hilarious musical comedy *The Producers* Feb. 12 – 28, 2016. Winner of an unprecedented 12 Tony Awards, *The Producers* is the musical adaptation by Thomas Meehan and Mel Brooks of the 1968 cult classic Brooks' film starring Zero Mostel and Gene Wilder. *The Producers* is laugh-out-loud outrageous and billed as an equal opportunity



*Getting in too deep with
Franz and Gunter (Tim
Eggert and Jeff Baldwin
with Katt Gilcrease and
Dan Jackson*

offender! In the original movie screenplay (for which he won an Academy Award) and in the subsequent Tony winning book for the musical, Mel Brooks takes aim at a wide range of stereotypical Broadway characters, skewers them all, sometimes jaw-droppingly so. Yet somehow in this zany jokefest he manages to deftly include the key ingredient of a terrific musical – heart.

The story is simple: a down-on-his-luck Broadway producer, Max Bialystock learns from his naïve accountant, Leo Bloom, that he can actually make more money by producing a flop than a hit. Max manages to lure the mousy Leo to quit his job as an accountant and become his partner in crime as a Broadway producer and then work their plan. Step one: find a sure fire flop of a script (from former Nazi and third Reich fanatic turned playwright Franz Leibkind). Step Two: hire the worst director (the flamboyantly gay Roger DeBris). Step Three: raise the money by bilking little old ladies out of millions (how he gets the money is why this show is PG-13!). Step four: hire the worst performers (including their new Swedish blonde bombshell actress/receptionist; Ulla) and produce the most offensive show in the history of Broadway: Springtime for Hitler. Once the show opens and closes in the same night, run off to Rio with the money. Only one thing goes awry: the show is a smash hit! To make matters worse, the playwright is enraged that his play has become a masterpiece of ridicule for the Fuhrer and goes after Max and Leo like a Sherman tank. Will they get away? Come find out.

Director Manny Cafeo, who won the Montie Award for Best Show of the Year as director of our smash hit *Singin' in the Rain* has put together a dream cast and crew for this outrageous show. Manny brought back renown choreographer Dinah Mahlman, musical director Ana Guirola-Ladd, set design Denise De-Bold and stage manager Jill Villalobos from his award winning production



Continued on page 44 ☞

Falcon Floorings
Family Owned & Operated

Carpet
 Wood
 Tile
 Showers
 Back Splashes
 &
 Stairs

936.539.6321
 608 F.M 2854 Conroe Texas

STAGE RIGHT The hilarious musical comedy hit
 Winner of 12 Tony Awards

THE PRODUCERS
 by MEL BROOKS
 musical

Fri & Sat at 8 pm
 Sundays at 2 pm
 Tickets
 \$ 15-20

Book by
 Mel Brooks &
 Thomas Meehan
 Music & Lyrics
 by Mel Brooks

Feb 12 - 28, 2016

Performances at the historic Crighton Theatre, Conroe TX
 Tickets: 936-441-7469 or www.stage-right.org

Caution: Contains material that ~~will~~ be offensive to ~~some~~ most!!

Produced by special arrangement with Music Theatre International, MTIShows.com
 Funded in part by the Conroe Commission on Arts & Culture

CASH FOR CONSTABLE

Paid Political Ad by Cash for Constable



Taxpert
We Solve IRS Problems

936-539-5995
120 N. San Jacinto
Conroe, TX 77301
bill@billagee.com

Don't let the IRS shake you down!
Call the experts at Taxpert for all your Tax needs, IRS Representation, and filing of previous years.

Crossroads antiques on proof

team from *Singin' in the Rain*. Leading the cast as Max Bialystock is Jeffrey L. Baldwin. Jeff last appeared on the Crighton stage as Shrek in *Shrek The Musical* this past summer. His partner in crime, Leo Bloom, will be played by Timothy Eggert. While new to STAGE RIGHT our audiences will be familiar with Tim from his work at the Owen Theatre, most recently in *Almost, Maine*. Blonde bombshell Ulla is played by STAGE RIGHT favorite Sara Preisler. Sara won a Montie Award as Best Actress in a Musical for her lovely performance as Kathy Selden in *Singin' in the Rain* last year. The deranged Franz Leibkind is played by another STAGE RIGHT veteran and audience favorite: Katt Gilcrease. Katt was just seen as the kidney stone suffering Dub Dubberly in *Christmas Belles*. Another new face in our cast is that of the flaming Roger DeBris played by Clinton Jeter. This marks the first time Clinton will be performing on the Crighton stage but audiences will be familiar with his fine work at the Owen. As Roger's common-law assistant Carmen Ghia, Ryan Rodriguez will add a dash of panache to this light-in-the-loafers role. Ryan was last seen on the Crighton stage as the tap dancing Cosmo Brown in *Singin' in the Rain*. Here is a full list of the cast:

Max Bialystock.....Jeffrey L. Baldwin
Leo Bloom..... Timothy Eggert
Ulla Svanson Sara Preisler
Roger DeBris..... Clinton Jeter
Franz Liebkind Katt Gilcrease
Carmen Ghia Ryan Rodriguez
Springtime for Hitler Soloist Adam Isbell
Hold Me, Touch Me Carolyn Wong
Lick Me, Bite Me.....Katie Kelly
Kiss Me, Feel Me.....Rebecca Clarke
Usherettes Cricket Pepper,
.....Monique Lott, Monae Lott
The Judge.....Craig Campobella
Bryan (Roger's Set Designer).....Todd Brady
Kevin (Roger's Costume Designer).....Josh Sandros
Scott (Roger's Choreographer) Adam Isbell
Shirley (Roger's Lighting Designer)..... Carolyn Wong
Sabu.....Michael Grant Tucker
Indian.....Jim Murph

Keeping it Gay with Roger DeBris and his team. Todd Brady, Clinton Jeter and Ryan Rodriguez



FEMALE DANCERS:

Cricket Pepper, Monique Lott, Monae Lott, Kristin Day, Sundi Lee, Miranda (Andi) Roberts, Hillary Moore

FEMALE CHORUS:

Kelly Drath, Shelby Cordell, Rebecca Clarke, Jane Haley, Katie Hoffman, Katie Kelly, Ana Guirola Ladd, Grace McDaniel, Layne Roberts, Carolyn Wong

MALE CHORUS:

Todd Brady, Thomas Brandon, Craig Campobella, Joshua Darner, Timothy Eggert, Adam Isbell, Jim Murph, Will Radcliffe, Josh Sandros, Chuck Smith, Michael Grant Tucker

UNDERSTUDIES:

Roger DeBris..... Todd Brady
Carmen Ghia Josh Sandros

Caution

We want to make sure all attending The Producers are aware this is not the type of show STAGE RIGHT normally produces. *The Producers* contains material that may be offensive to some and is not for children. We'd rate it at minimum PG-13. We also want to remind those that may be offended or disappointed in our choice of show; that we left the choice of show up to our patrons last year and *The Producers* was chosen by an overwhelming margin. So, there are apparently lots of folks that would like for us to try something more daring than family friendly fare. To those of you who fear you may be offended, fear not; next season we have three family friendly musicals coming up: *The Addams Family* in October of this year, and in 2017 we'll produce *My Fair Lady* in February and *Mary Poppins* in July. You'll see more about our upcoming season in the March Dock Line!

Location:

Crighton Theatre
234 N. Main St.
Conroe, TX 77301

Performance Dates:

February 12 – 28, 2016
Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays
Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 PM
Sunday Matinees at 2:00 PM
Understudy performances will be
Sunday 2/21 and Friday 2/26

Ticket Information

Tickets can be purchased online at www.stage-right.org or by calling the Crighton Theatre box office at 936-441-7469. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and groups of 15 persons or more, \$15 for youth 16 and under and for senior groups of 15 or more persons. The historic Crighton Theatre is located at 234 N. Main St. in downtown Conroe. ♦



THE BARKLY
PET RETREAT & SPA

Info@thebarkly.com
www.TheBarkly.com
936.447.2275

February Group Training Specials
\$120 for 5 weeks of classes



Classes starting soon - sign up today!

- Boarding • Daycare
- Grooming • Training

15000 FM 2845
Montgomery, TX 77316 Mon-Sun 7am-7pm



| | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| \$10 OFF Boarding | \$5 OFF Day Care | \$5 Off Grooming | \$5 OFF Dog Beds |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|

EYE TRENDS

Doctors Douglas Inns & Michael Toups & Associates
THERAPEUTIC OPTOMETRISTS

Most Medical & Vision Insurance Accepted • Treatment of Eye Diseases & Dry Eyes

The LARGEST Selection of Designer Eyewear in Conroe



SPECIAL DOCK LINE OFFER
50% Off Frames*
with purchase of first quality lenses with scratch resistant coating, UV protection.
Valid RX required. \$100 maximum discount. *NOT to be used with insurance or other discount offers.

SPECIAL DOCK LINE OFFER
\$25⁰⁰ Off Eye Exam*
* Cannot be combined with insurance or other discount offers.

\$129*
Eye Exam & Contacts
Includes 2 Boxes Avaira Cooper SOFT LENSES *After \$10 Mail in rebate
Some restrictions apply. Not valid with insurance or other offers. Expires 2/29/16

Conroe: 1329 W. Davis
936-441-3937

Visit Our Website
www.eye-trends.com

Woodlands: 402 Sawdust Rd.
281-363-2020