

# Do Opposites Attract?

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Put two magnets with opposite polarities in close proximity to each other and zap! They snap together like magic until outside forces pull them apart. Those magnets stay wrapped in each other's arms with the comfort of two becoming a whole. Yes, we've all heard the saying "Opposites Attract". After all, don't the traits we lack, yet admire in others, flow peacefully between two people in love?

However, outside the world of science when the honeymoon is over and day-to-day realities seep back in, those quirky, fun, exciting aspects of our mate that filled our yin with their yang, can shock and bewilder us. And who better than Neil Simon to create a love story about this timeless question: Do Opposites Attract?

Simon, for over half a century, has mastered the art of making audiences laugh with his sharp humor poking fun at life's emotional truths. STAGE RIGHT invites you to their production of *Barefoot in the Park*, a classic Simon favorite.

Immerse yourself in Simon's humorous one-liners that will make you laugh until you cry. Meet Corie, a vivacious, free-spirited young woman and Paul Bratter, her "opposites attract", very sensible, down-to-earth attorney husband.

After a passionate honeymoon, the young couple attempt to settle into a minuscule New York apartment Corie has proudly rented as their first home. Through her rose colored glasses, she overlooks the five flights of stairs with no elevator, the snow falling through the broken skylight, the broken heater and on again, off again plumbing. Corie soon



Neil Simon's  
**Barefoot  
in the Park**



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meets Victor, a charmingly eccentric gentleman, who sometimes takes a shortcut through their apartment window to reach his home in the building's attic. She soon hatches a plan to have her "lonely" mother, an insightful sidekick, meet Victor in the hopes the two develop a relationship. But even Corie is shocked after the two couples return from a wild Albanian dinner and the next morning her mother shows up in Victor's Japanese kimono.

Fun and laughter abound, including a hilarious scene with the telephone installer, even as Corie and Paul begin to bicker over their differences. Corie's adventurous spirit collides with Paul's cautious demeanor causing fireworks to explode. Come see the show and warm your heart as these newlyweds eventually discover how different they really are, to the realization that's exactly what bonds their love to each other with such magnetic intensity.

STAGE RIGHT welcomes you to discover for yourself how love walks **Barefoot in the Park** at the historic Crighton Theatre in Conroe with eight performances running from February 17th through March 4th, 2012.

Although this play opened on stage in 1963 at the Biltmore Theatre and has been produced in numerous theatres since, the 1967 movie starring Jane Fonda and Robert Redford has been enjoyed by audiences worldwide.

After **Barefoot in the Park**, STAGE RIGHT has two more shows in our 2011-2012 Season of Enchantment. **The Carol Burnett Show** — a variety show based on the skits from the TV series "The Carol Burnett Show" with song and dance numbers reminiscent of "Vaudeville (Finally) Comes to the Crighton" - runs from April 20th through May 6th. And **Cinderella** — the show that proves a woman's life can change with a new pair of shoes - runs July 13th through the 29th. Please go to [www.stage-right.org](http://www.stage-right.org) or call 936-441-SHOW for further information. ♦

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