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Presents

LIONS & TIGERS & BEARS, Oh my!

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THE WIZARD OF OZ

July 12 - 28

Historic Crighton Theatre
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STAGE RIGHT of Texas, resident theatre company at the historic Crighton Theatre, presents their most ambitious production to date: THE WIZARD OF OZ by L. Frank Baum with music and lyrics by Harold Arlen and E.Y. Harburg adapted from the motion picture by John Kane. The show is directed by Tina Cafeo and will be at the Crighton for a three weekend run July 12-28 with Friday and Saturday performances at 8 pm and Sunday matinees every weekend at 2 pm. We are so excited to share this spectacular production with you! With a cast of 50 including 25 Munchkins, simulated pyrotechnics, large

screen projections, a high flying wicked witch, good witch, monkey, and wizard, plus eye-popping costumes, and little Toto too—this is a show not to be missed!

This musical adventure is a direct adaptation of the classic family film that made Judy Garland a star for her heartfelt performance as Dorothy Gale, an orphaned young girl unhappy with her drab black-and-white existence on her aunt and uncle's dusty Kansas farm. Dorothy yearns to travel "over the rainbow" to a different world. She gets her wish when a tornado whisks her and Toto to the magical Land of Oz. Immediately offending the Wicked Witch of the West, Dorothy is protected from the witch's wrath by the infamous ruby slippers. And of course, the Good Witch of the



*Cosette Czarnopis as Dorothy, Gareth Bell as the Mayor
Stephen Twinney as the Barrister, Brandon Smith as the Coroner
Aria Czarnopis as a Flower, Maddie Pallanez as the Ballerina
Monkees: Corrine Purser, Kayloni Hartsfield, Elena Villareal,
Jonah Czarnopis and Gianna Purser.*

North points Dorothy down the Yellow Brick Road to the Emerald City, where dwells the all-powerful Wizard of Oz. Will he be able to return her home? En route, she befriends a Scarecrow, a Tin Man, and a Cowardly Lion. The Scarecrow desires some brains, the Tin Man craves a heart, and the Lion longs for courage. Hoping that the Wizard will help them too, they join Dorothy on her odyssey to the Emerald City. With all the classic songs from the movie including "Over the Rainbow," "We're Off to See the Wizard," "If I Were King of the Forest" and "If I Only had a Brain" you'll be singing along as Dorothy and her friends travel down the yellow brick road!

In addition to enjoying this stunning production we hope you'll also leave with some information about the needs in our community. As it has been from our very first show, we feel every STAGE RIGHT production is an opportunity for us to identify a need in the community and then throw a spotlight on a non-profit organization that is helping to fulfill that need. We are 'spotlighting' three area non-profits during *THE WIZARD OF OZ*. Our Toto is a former shelter resident now being fostered with the help of Operation Pets Alive. Operation Pets Alive (OPA) is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization striving to elevate Montgomery County to a No-Kill community through innovative programs that raise community awareness, reduce the number of dogs and cats that enter our shelters and increase the number of dogs and cats that leave our shelters alive. We will have OPA volunteers in the lobby with information about their programs and how you can help OPA and Toto too! Another organization we will have in the lobby during the show is Children's Safe Harbor. Children's Safe Harbor's mission is to protect and enhance the life of every child who has the courage to battle sexual and physical abuse. Last year during our production of *CINDERELLA*, we collected journal books for donation. It was such a success that we decided to do it again this year. We hope you'll bring a journal book that will help aid in the recovery of a child.



We are having a special group join us for a free performance. One of our cast members, Adam O'Connor, is a volunteer at New Horizons, Inc. in New Caney. New Horizons provides work training programs and independent living skills for adults with developmental disabilities (i.e. Downs Syndrome, Autism, CP, etc.). Adam's pals at New Horizons are coming to cheer him on in a special preview performance.

Get your tickets now; this is one show that will sell out! Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$17 for Seniors and groups of 15 or more and \$15 for kids 16 and under and Senior groups. Group tickets are purchased by calling the Crighton box office at 936-441-7469. Tickets can be purchased online at www.stage-right.org. The historic Crighton Theatre is located at 234 N. Main Street in downtown Conroe.

We hope you'll join us for this unforgettable trip over the rainbow! ♦

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