

STAGE RIGHT

Takes flight with **MARY POPPINS** at the Crighton July 7-23!



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STAGE RIGHT of Texas, resident theatre company at the historic Crighton Theatre in downtown Conroe, presents the musical *Mary Poppins* July 7-23. Based on the stories of P.L. Travers and the beloved 1964 Walt Disney motion picture, this stage adaptation features original music and lyrics by Richard and Robert Sherman, book by Julian Fellowes and has new songs and additional music and lyrics by George Stiles and Anthony Drewe. Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's *Mary Poppins*

delighted Broadway audiences for over 2,500 performances and received nominations for nine Olivier and seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

Jack-of-all trades, Bert, introduces us to England in 1910 and the troubled Banks family. Young Jane and Michael have sent many a nanny packing. Mr. and Mrs. Banks decide to take matters into their own hands. While George is look-

ing for a no-nonsense nanny, the kids are hoping for someone kind and sweet. Practically perfect nanny Mary Poppins mysteriously appears with her magical carpet



What sort of surprises are in Mary's magic bag? Lucy Barrera, Levi Smith with Dinah Mahlman

Admiral Boom eyeing Miss Lark and Willoughby (Ken Mann, Denise DeBold and Bridget Dupree DeBold)



Have a Jolly Holiday with Bert and Mary (Aaron Lumpkin & Katie Sigler)

bag. Using a combination of magic and common sense, she sets out to teach the family members how to value each other again. Mary Poppins takes the children on many magical and mem-

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Performances at the historic
Crighton Theatre
in Conroe, TX



Music and Lyrics by Richard M. and Robert B. Sherman

Book by Julian Fellowes

Songs by Anthony Drewe and George Stiles

Co-created by Cameron Mackintosh

July 7-23, 2017

Fridays & Saturdays at 8pm • Sundays at 2 pm

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Online tickets: www.stage-right.org

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orable adventures, but Jane and Michael aren't the only ones upon whom she has a profound effect. Even grown-ups can learn a lesson or two from the nanny who advises that "Anything can happen if you let it."

Director Tina Cafeo has assembled a huge cast to bring this production to the Crighton stage. Leading the cast as Mary Poppins is Katie Sigler. Katie is a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner at Texas Children's Hospital, and has a many years of experience as a voice/piano instructor, director and choreographer. This is her Crighton debut. Understudying the role of Mary is choreographer Dinah Mahlman. Dinah was a theatre educator for thirteen years, directing 30-plus productions; her students won the Group Musical division at the 2012 International Thespian Festival. She has choreographed productions for STAGE RIGHT, Playhouse 1960, Waller High School, Kempner High School and HFAC. Bert is played by newcomer Aaron Lumpkin. Aaron is a dance instructor at Arthur Murray Dance Studio in the Woodlands. Another newcomer is Bob Turner who is portraying Mr. Banks. New to the Crighton stage, but not to Conroe audiences, is Jo Champion who portrays Mrs. Banks. Jo has been in numerous productions at the Owen most recently in *The Mousetrap*. Here is a full list of the cast:

CAST
 BertAaron Lumpkin
 George.....Bob Turner
 Winifred Jo Champion
 JaneLucy Barrera and Katie Kowalik
 Michael Levi Smith and Sam Siemonsma
 Katie Nanna/Queen Victoria Ana Ladd
 Policeman David Alff
 Miss Lark.....Denise DeBold
 Admiral Boom/NorthbrookKen Mann
 Mrs. BrillMartha Davis
 Robertson Ay Bradley Rice
 Mary Poppins Katie Sigler

Mary Poppins (understudy)
 Dinah Mahlman
 Park Keeper..... Jim Boy
 NeleusFinnigan Mallett
 Bank Chairman Phil Clarke
 Miss Smythe..... Rebecca Clarke
 Von Hussler Zachary Ramon
 Bird Woman ... Carol Whitney-Thompson
 Mrs. Corry.....Melissa Cummins
 Fannie Hannah Gilchrist
 AnnieKristin Conrad
 ValentineZachary Ramon
 Teddy Bear Faith Smith
 Ballerina Doll.....Abigail Hudson
 Miss Andrew Melanie Villeda
 WilloughbyBridget DeBold
 Park Dog Addy Ladd

ENSEMBLE: Cameron Collins, Veronica Attar, Anna Lee Hudson, Cheri Johnson, Micah Clarke, Elizabeth Hudson, James Pate, Georgiana Lewis, Isabella Villeda, Jen Watson, Natalie Mallett, Chloe Boivin, Owen Mallett

DANCERS: Calli Nebe, Monique Lott, Monae Lott, Hannah Gilchrist, Kristin Conrad, Abigail Hudson, Finnigan Mallett, Andrealy Perez, Faith Smith, Raina Rose, London McDaniel, Autumn Juel, Kayla Lake, Zachary Ramon

Performance Information
Mary Poppins will be presented at the historic Crighton Theatre located at 234 N. Main St. in downtown Conroe. Performance dates are July 7-23, 2017: Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 PM and Sunday Matinees at 2:00 PM. Tickets can be purchased online at www.stage-right.org or by calling the Crighton Box Office at 936-441-7469. Discounts are available for groups of 12 or more by calling the box office. Tickets are \$22 for adults, \$20 for seniors, \$18 for groups and \$15 for students and youth and senior groups of 12 or more.

Performance Schedule:
 Lucy Barrera and Levi Smith will be Jane and Michael Banks: July 7, 9, 15, 21 and 23
 Katie Kowalik and Sam Siemonsma will be Jane and Michael: July 8, 14, 16, and 22
 Dinah Mahlman will be Mary Poppins on July 14, 15 and 16.

Spotlight Non-Profit
 Once again we are having our furry friends of Operation Pets Alive as our spotlight non-profit. Last year during our production of *Legally Blonde* we were able to raise over \$4,500 which enabled us to sponsor a flight to send dogs out of state to forever homes in the northeast. These monies also help OPA maintain their foster and adoption events and promote spay and neuter of pets to help keep animals out of the shelters. More information on how you can help Operation Pets Alive can be found when you come see their information table in our lobby and on their website www.operationpetsalive.org.

More information about STAGE RIGHT can be found on our website www.stage-right.org.

We hope you will come have a super-califragilisticexpialidocious time at the Crighton! ♦



Mrs. Corry with daughters Fannie & Annie (Melissa Cummins, Hannah Gilchrist, Kristin Conrad) and the ensemble



Dreaded nanny Miss Andrew played by Melanie Villeda with Katie Kowalik and Sam Siemonsma

Step in Time with the Chimney Sweep Dancers