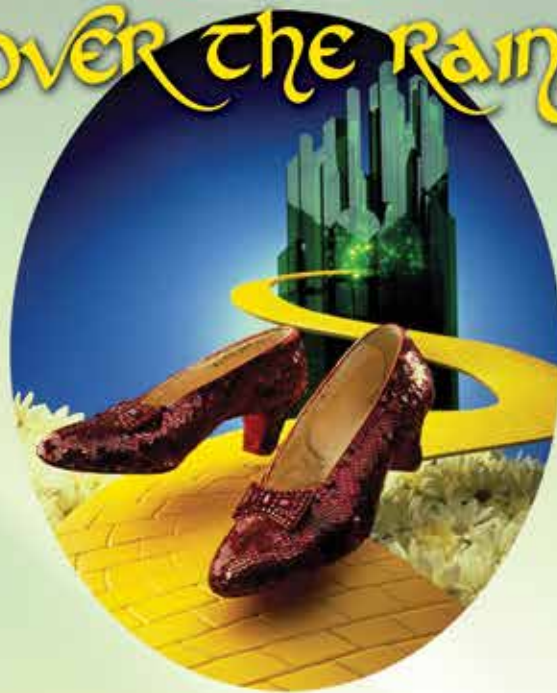


STAGE RIGHT

TAKES YOU OVER THE RAINBOW IN JULY!

“Lions and Tigers and Bears, oh my!” STAGE RIGHT of Texas, resident theatre company at the historic Crighton Theatre, is busy! We’re preparing to take you over the rainbow when we present 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. This musical adventure is an adaptation based on the family classic 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, and she gets her wish when a tornado whisks her and her little dog, Toto, to the magical land of Oz. Having offended the Wicked Witch of the West, Dorothy is protected from the witch’s wrath by the ruby slippers that she wears. At the suggestion of Glinda, the Good Witch of the North, Dorothy heads down the Yellow Brick Road to the Emerald City, where dwells the all-powerful Wizard of Oz, who might be able to help the girl return to Kansas. En route,



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she befriends a Scarecrow, a Tin Man, and a Cowardly Lion. The Scarecrow would like to have some brains, the Tin Man craves a heart, and the Lion wants to attain 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

“You dropped your house on my sister?!” Elizabeth Garrett Curtin as Glinda and Cosette Czarnopis as Dorothy with Carolyn Corsano Wong as the Wicked Witch of the West

as Dorothy and her newfound friends travel down the yellow brick road!

FIVE FUN FACTS FROM THE FILM

1) So frightening was Margaret Hamilton’s performance as the Wicked Witch of the West that most of her scenes were heavily edited or cut entirely. Luckily, our Wicked Witch is played by a comedienne who will add a great deal of humor the part. You’ll also have the opportunity to meet and take pictures with all of the actors on stage after the performance. Don’t worry my pretty, it won’t be too scary.

2) Four sets of slippers were used in the film, one pair of which was stolen from a museum in Minnesota in 2005. They were insured for \$1m. No, we did not steal the ruby slippers to use in our show.

3) A Cairn terrier called Terry played the role of the dog Toto. Like we did with Sandy in our production of ANNIE a few years ago, we are hoping to find a shelter dog to use as Toto. If you know of a shelter dog or foster that could fit the bill, please contact Carolyn Wong at carolyn.wong@stage-right.org. Like Sandy, we hope to get Toto adopted after the run of the show.

4) Most actors on the five-month shoot worked six days a week and had to arrive at the studio at four and five in the morning to be fitted with makeup and costumes. They would then work till seven or eight at night. We are not working our cast that hard, but we did have auditions back in April and are rehearsing until we open in July. We also have a number of parents acting in the show with their children. Why should the kids have all the fun!

5) When Margaret Hamilton returned from hospital following a burn accident when she disappeared in Munchkin land, she refused to do the scene in which she flies on a broomstick that billows smoke, so the directors brought in stand-in Betty Danko instead. Danko was severely injured doing the scene. We won’t have fire spewing from our Witches broom stick but we do want to fly her. We are currently looking for corporate underwriters, sponsors, and just plain folk donations that could help us defray the \$6,000 cost to fly. In exchange for full underwriting we can offer free tickets for your employees or a special

THE WIZARD OF OZ

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performance, acknowledgement in our advertising and even an opportunity to fly on the Crighton stage. If interested in underwriting or just to make a small donation, please contact producer Steve Wong at steven.wong@stage-right.org or call 832-624-0730.

HELPING OTHERS OVER THE RAINBOW

As with every STAGE RIGHT show, we will bring awareness of a need in our community and then throw a spotlight on an organization that helps fill that need. Since so many children are in our production and since there are children in our community that like Dorothy, wish they could go 'over the rainbow' to a better place, we are partnering again with Children's Safe Harbor. Children's Safe Harbors' mission is to protect and enhance the life of every child who has the courage to battle sexual and physical abuse. Combined, Montgomery, San Jacinto, and Walker counties receive more than 3000 reports per year of children who have been harmed by sexual and/or physical abuse. In the past, victims seeking help faced multiple contacts with different community professionals, which created a maze of confusion and distress for the child and the family. Children's Safe Harbor has changed all of that. One of the many ways Children's Safe Harbor aids in the recovery is by providing journal books where the child may express the feelings and thoughts they might not be able to verbalize. When you come to the show please bring a new journal book for donation. You'll make a difference in the road to recovery for one special child.



TICKET INFORMATION

With a cast of seasoned veteran performers, 26 Munchkins, special effects, outrageous costumes, eye-popping scenery and all the beautiful music from the film; this is one show young and old will not want to miss! Performance dates are weekends July 12 - 28 Friday and Saturday nights at 8 pm with three Sunday matinees on July 14, 21 & 28 at 2 pm. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$17 for Seniors and groups of 20 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. ♦

*Come over the rainbow with us
this Summer!*

CATCH • CLEAN & EAT

Down Home Cornbread and Jalapeno Meatloaf

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| 1 1/2 pounds ground beef | 1/4 cup milk |
| 1/2 pound ground pork | 1 egg, lightly beaten |
| 3/4 cup canned whole kernel corn | 3 fresh jalapeno peppers, seeded and minced |
| 1/2 cup crumbled cornbread | 2 cloves garlic, minced |
| 1/2 cup sour cream | 1 teaspoon kosher salt |
| 1/2 cup shredded pepper jack cheese | 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper |
| 1/2 cup finely chopped onion | |

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease a medium baking dish.

Mix the ground beef and ground pork in a large bowl. In a separate bowl, mix the corn, cornbread, sour cream, pepper jack cheese, onion, milk, egg, jalapeno peppers, garlic, kosher salt, and pepper. Gently mix the corn mixture into the meat mixture. Form into a rounded loaf shape, and place in the prepared baking dish.

Bake 1 hour in the preheated oven, to a minimum internal temperature of 160 degrees F. Loosely cover with aluminum foil during the last 15 minutes of cook time if the loaf is overly brown. ♦

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