

What's Cookin' at the Crighton?

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STAGE RIGHT of Texas, resident theatre company at the historic Crighton Theatre, has two shows left in their *Season of Nostalgia*. You will not want to miss the step back in time favorites: *Driving Miss Daisy* and *Hairspray*.



Driving Miss Daisy

By Alfred Uhry.
April 18 – May 4

“Winner of the 1988 Pulitzer Prize and the Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Off-Broadway Play, the play is set in the Deep South, the

time 1948, just prior to the civil rights movement. Having recently demolished another car, Daisy Werthan, a rich, sharp-tongued Jewish widow of seventy-two, is informed by her son, Boolie, that henceforth she must rely on the services of a chauffeur. The person he hires for the job is a thoughtful, unemployed black man, Hoke, whom Miss Daisy immediately regards with disdain and who, in turn, is not impressed with his employer’s patronizing tone and, he believes, her latent prejudice. But, in a series of absorbing scenes spanning twenty-five years, the two, despite their mutual differences, grow ever closer to, and more dependent on, each other, until, eventually, they become almost a couple. Slowly and steadily the dignified, good-natured Hoke breaks down the stern defenses of the ornery old lady, as she teaches him to read and write and, in a gesture of good will and shared concern, invites him to join her at a banquet in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. As the play

ends Hoke has a final visit with Miss Daisy, now ninety-seven and confined to a nursing home, and while it is evident that a vestige of her fierce independence and sense of position still remain, it is also movingly clear that they have both come to realize they have more in common than they ever believed possible—and that times and circumstances would ever allow them to publicly admit.” – from Dramatists Play Service. The show will be directed by veteran Crighton director Jim Walker. Performance dates are weekends April 18 – May 4, Friday and Saturday nights

at 8 pm with two Sunday matinees on April 27 and May 4 at 2 pm.



Hairspray

Music by Marc Shaiman
Lyrics by Marc Shaiman
and Scott Wittman

Book by Mark O'Donnell and Thomas Meehan

Based on the New Line Cinema film written and directed by John Waters

July 11 – 27

"The 1950's are out and change is in the air! HAIRSPRAY, winner of 8 Tony Awards including Best Musical, is a family-friendly musical piled bouffant high with laughter, romance, and deliriously tuneful songs.

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Hairspray will run July 11 – 27 Friday and Saturday nights at 8 pm with three Sunday matinees July 13, 20 and 27 at 2 pm. *Wizard of Oz* director Tina Cafeo is at the helm again for this tuneful trip back in time. Auditions for *Hairspray* will be April 27 & 28 at 7 pm at the Crighton.

We've just finalized plans for our upcoming 2014 – 2015 Season of Hope to begin this September. Here's the lineup: Jones, Hope and Wooten's hilarious and poignant *The Dixie Swim Club* will open our season followed by *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* in December. We'll start 2015 tapping away with *Singin' In the Rain*. In the spring, we go down the road with *The Trip to Bountiful* and we finish our season in July with a big green ogre in *Shrek The Musical*.

Tickets to all shows remaining this season can be purchased online at www.stage-right.org or by calling the Crighton box office at 936-441-7469. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and groups of 15 or more, \$15 for youth 16 and under and for senior groups of 15 persons or more. Group tickets must be purchased by calling the box office. You can call any time and leave a message. Your call will be returned during box office hours M-F 3 - 6 pm and 3 pm - show time on performance nights. The historic Crighton Theatre is located at 234 N. Main in downtown Conroe.

Want to keep up with everything cookin' at the Crighton? Then go to our website www.stage-right.org and sign up to receive our monthly e-newsletter. We'll send you the latest information about ALL shows coming to the Crighton, not just STAGE RIGHT shows. The Crown Jewel of Montgomery County wants you to help celebrate her 80th Birthday. We look forward to seeing you at the Crighton! ♦

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