

STAGE RIGHT

Announces a Season of Enchantment!

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This September STAGE RIGHT will be celebrating its fourth season at the historic Crighton Theatre! The board of directors wishes to thank our patrons and especially our season subscribers for your support. Our pursuit of providing affordable high quality entertainment on the Crighton stage over these past three years of economic upheaval would not have been successful without you. We are excited



*Playwrights Jones, Hope & Wooten
with the cast of Dearly Beloved*

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to announce our 2011-2012 'Season of Enchantment'. We have picked 5 shows sure to delight and captivate all ages, and, as is our mantra; our shows got nuthin' you would be ashamed to take yer grandma to. Season tickets are on sale now and once you see the magical season we've got planned we hope you'll be convinced to buy season tickets, and get one for grandma too!

In the world of theatre, there is nothing more exciting than a world premiere of a brand new play. In September of 2011, STAGE RIGHT will be kicking off their 2011-2012 Season of Enchantment with the world premiere of a hot-off-the-presses comedy by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten. STAGE RIGHT audiences may remember that this is the trio that penned the popular Fayro TX trilogy of plays including Dearly Beloved, Christmas Belles and Southern Hospitality. They are the three most widely produced comedic playwrights in the country right now and they are

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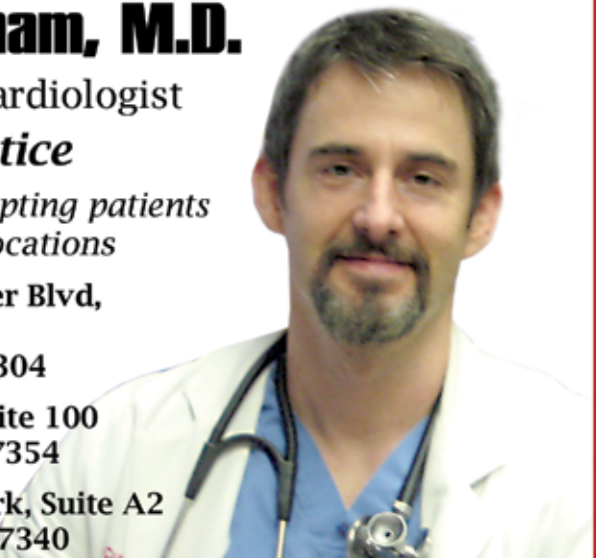
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writing a brand new comedy titled *Mama Won't Fly* to be produced for the first time anywhere by STAGE RIGHT at the Crigh-ton Theatre. According to the playwrights, *Mama Won't Fly* tells the story of "An overwhelmed bride that places her older

sister in charge of getting their mother from Alabama to her wedding on the West Coast. There's only one problem: Mama won't fly. With only three days to make it to the big event, the determined daughter and her equally willful mother hastily set out on a cross-country drive, experiencing hilarious misadventures, wildly eccentric Texas relatives and a rapidly growing urge to ditch each other anywhere along the way. But the race to get Mama to the church on time proves to be more than just a road trip. It becomes a journey of two women embracing their differences and discovering a delightfully wacky side of the country, their family and themselves they never knew existed." As with all Jones, Hope & Wooten plays this one is sure to be laugh-out loud funny yet with an uplifting message of hope; you'll laugh until you cry. The playwrights will be joining us on opening night on Friday, September 9, 2011 and for a special in- vitational meet, greet and eat talk-back session the night be- fore opening. City officials, press and season ticket hold- ers will be invited to this special event so get

your season tickets now! *Mama Won't Fly* from September 9-25, 2011.

In December you can celebrate the holiday season with *A Christmas Story* written by Philip Grecian based on the sto- ry by humorist Jean Shepherd. The story centers on Ralphie Parker, a young boy living in 1940s Indiana, desperately yearn- ing for a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas. Despite protests from his mother that he'll shoot his eye out, Ralphie persists, unsuccessfully trying to enlist the assis- tance of both his teacher and Santa Claus. All the while, Ralphie finds himself dealing with the constant taunts of a pair of bullies



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and trying to not get in the middle of a feud between his mother and father regarding a certain lamp. Come and see Ralphie and the gang on December 2-18, 2011.

During the month of February STAGE RIGHT will present Neil Simon's valentine to the newly married: *Barefoot in the Park*. This romantic comedy focuses on newlyweds, Corie and Paul Bradder, as they begin married life in a tiny 5th floor walkup apartment in a mid-Manhattan brownstone. Paul is a strait-faced attorney, Corie a far more spontaneous free spirit. The young couple must contend with a lack of heat, a skylight that leaks snow, several long flights of stairs, oddball neighbor Victor Velasco, and Corie's well-meaning mother. Adjusting to married life isn't so easy! The first act of *Barefoot* dramatizes a making of a new life, and its second builds to a near-breakup of the marriage. *Barefoot in the Park* runs February 17-March 4, 2012.

Do you miss the good old days when variety shows were king on TV? The variety format had no greater queen than Carol Burnett. In April you can see *The Carol Burnett Show* on the Crighton stage. A variety show based on the sketches from the TV series "The Carol Burnett Show" with song and dance numbers reminiscent of our critically acclaimed production of "Vaudeville (Finally) Comes to the Crighton".

Come and remember some of the famous sketches such as "As the Stomach Turns" or "Went with the Wind". We hope when we 'bump up the lights' we'll see you there! Performances are from April 20-May 6, 2012.

We will round out our Season of Enchantment with Roger's & Hammerstein's

Cinderella. The musical is based upon the fairy tale *Cinderella* by Charles Perault. The story concerns a young woman forced into a life of servitude by her cruel stepmother and self-centered stepsisters, who dreams of a better life. With the

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Corie introduces her mother to Mr. Velasco.

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Cinderella

help of her Fairy Godmother, Cinderella is transformed into a Princess and finds her Prince. Performances are from July 13-29, 2012.

Season tickets are on sale now for \$75. Benefits of season subscription include:

- reserved seats for all shows (we sold out three performances of our production of ANNIE this last Summer and had to turn folks away; as a season subscriber you don't have to worry about being unable to get seats for any show)
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et to one show. Invite a friend to join you for a night of theatre.

- Your name in every program
- An invitation to meet playwrights Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten at the meet and greet and eat talk-back session

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Corie showing her mother her new apartment.



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