

STAGE RIGHT

CELEBRATES ITS 3RD SEASON

By: Steven Wong



Cast and Crew of Christmas Belles

STAGE RIGHT will be celebrating its third season at the historic Crichton Theatre with a series of southern comedies followed by some classics that have not been seen in the Montgomery County area for some time.

The season opener will be NO TIME FOR SERGEANTS on Sept. 10-26, 2010. The central figure is a husky and good-natured hillbilly who finally gets into the Air Force despite his father's propensity for tearing up his draft papers. The original "hillbilly" was played by Andy Griffith on Broadway and in the movies.

Katt Gilcrease, has played the main character - Will Stockdale - in previous productions. Katt says, "To play a character like Will Stockdale is an honor. Andy Griffith originated the role and I am, like many folks, a fan of his. I think many people relate to Will because everyone has been in a situation where they were the 'Will Stockdale'. I also like the fact that with

this character I have the rare opportunity to interact with the audience. Not many plays allow this and I think audiences find it a nice change of pace. The good natured, good hearted, country boy that Will is reminds me of a place and time in my life with friends and family that sometimes I forget and others probably forget. Playing Will always brings me home. Hopefully with Stage Right's production of 'No Time for Sergeants', we can bring the audience to a place and time that maybe they have forgotten, so that maybe they can recall when the world moved at a slower, more carefree, talk to your neighbor, pace. Who knows, it might remind you of home."

The holiday show will be CHRISTMAS BELLES on Dec. 3-19, 2010 from Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope, and Jamie Wooten. If you missed this in 2008, don't miss this hilarious Christmas celebration described as "The Golden Girls"



*Ian Montez is
Winthrop Paroo in
The Music Man*



Katt Gilcrease as Will Stockdale in No Time For Sergeants



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meet "A Charlie Brown Christmas"! The authors of Dearly Beloved and Southern Hospitality return to Fayro, Texas, where the feuding Futrelle sisters attempt to mount a Christmas program despite Santa's kidney stone, a cast bout of food poisoning and various family concerns. Even an Elvis impersonator makes an appearance.

Around Valentine's Day STAGE RIGHT will present ALWAYS, PATSY CLINE on Feb. 11-Mar. 6, 2011. The musical is based on a true story of Patsy Cline. This musical - written and originally directed by Ted Swindley - has been entertaining audiences since 1990.

It started out as a fluke. In what can be described as a twist of fate, playwright Ted Swindley stumbled upon the work of Patsy Cline for the first time while running the Texas Playwright Festival in Houston. Gathering every available scrap of her catalogue to his side, Swindley spent an entire weekend immersing himself in Patsy Cline's work; a weekend that would end in a lifetime love affair with the tragic singer's life and music. Despite the numerous accounts of Cline's sometimes tumultuous life, Swindley chose to tell an uplifting and touching true story of the friendship be-

tween Cline and Houston based divorcee Louise Seger based on letters that Swindley uncovered while researching the play. The music, the talent, and the comedy will captivate you.

The spring show will feature HARVEY on Apr. 22-May 8, 2011. Jimmy Stewart originally played the part of the wealthy eccentric Elwood P. Dowd who has a six and a half foot rabbit as his imaginary friend. Affable Elwood P. Dowd has a kind word for everyone he meets. He lives a quiet life with his social-climbing sister and her daughter and is devoted to his loyal and trustworthy friend and constant companion, Harvey. The fact that Harvey happens to be a six-foot invisible rabbit doesn't seem to bother Elwood but is an ongoing embarrassment to his family who decides to have him committed. In this Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy, the medical establishment is turned topsy-turvy as Elwood and Harvey cause pandemonium. Elwood and Harvey become the catalysts for a family mending its wounds and for romance blossoming in unexpected places.

The summer show will be Meredith

Wilson's THE MUSIC MAN on Jul. 15-31, 2011. Robert Preston was the original con man intending to cheat River City with his standard scam of offering to equip and train a boy's marching band. Things go awry when he falls for a librarian he tries to divert from exposing him. Come for the barber-shop quartet, the dancing, the singing, and the comedy!

You can get more information about season tickets from the Box Office at 936-441-7469 (SHOW). Feel free to download the rack card with the season on the website at www.stage-right.org or www.crighton-theatre.com. ♦

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