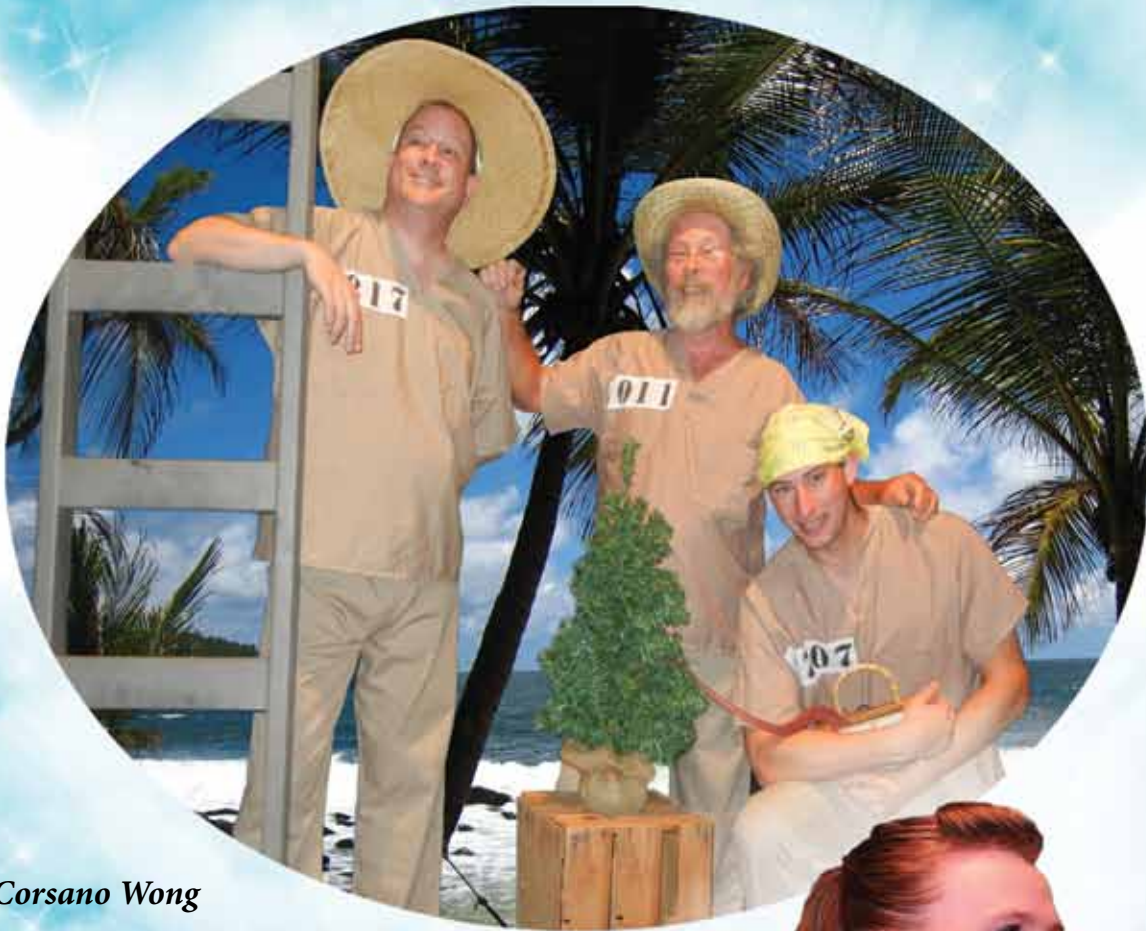


# This Christmas: See an Angel; Be an Angel



**By: Carolyn Corsano Wong**

Have you ever had someone come into your life at just the right time, and say or do just the right thing? Did a total stranger help you thru a difficult time in your life; perhaps even change the direction of your life? It happens more often than you think. It happened to me on a Greyhound bus in Nov. of 1983. I was on my way from College Station to Houston to catch a plane home. I had to withdraw from Texas A & M and head home to New Jersey to make more money to continue with my education. I wasn't doing well in school; I was struggling with a loss in my family. I had transferred to A&M from Syracuse University (talk about culture shock!) that September and felt completely lost. As I sat on the bus, I really didn't know what my future would be. An elderly woman sat next to me (I still remember her name: Aline Tracy). Slowly, our conversation progressed past small talk. I told her about my situation. She listened very intently then she touched my hand

and said; "Don't worry honey. Once you've been to Texas, you'll be back." She was right. Her words and her genuine concern for a complete stranger gave me hope at just the time when I needed hope the most. There are truly angels among us.

Having had an 'angel' come into my life, I am so pleased that STAGE RIGHT is presenting a play this Christmas about three unlikely angels. Samuel and Bella Spewack's wonderful holiday comedy MY THREE ANGELS will be presented at the historic Crighton Theatre Nov. 30 - Dec. 16. The play was the basis for the 1955 movie "We're No Angels" starring Humphrey Bogart, Aldo Ray and Peter Ustinov. The story takes place in 1910 in French Guiana where it is Christmas Eve and the temperature has

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graciously dipped below 104F! The three 'angels' (Joseph, Jules and Alfred) are convicts that have been hired by the Ducotel family to fix their roof. The convicts overhear all of the family's troubles and the roof winds up being the least of the Ducotels trouble. On the way from France are an evil-minded cousin and his cold-blooded nephew, who jilted the Ducotel's daughter, Marie Louise, for an heiress. The three convicts are passionate believers in true justice, and decide it's their job to take the visitors on. Possessing every criminal art and

penal grace, they set matters right in this captivating and comedic holiday treasure. You and your entire family will agree that justice has never been funnier!

Show dates are Nov. 30 - Dec. 16 with Friday & Saturday performances at 8 pm and two Sunday matinees on Dec. 9 & 16 at 2 pm. Performances will be held at the historic Crighton Theatre located at 234 N. Main in downtown Conroe. Tickets for MY THREE ANGELS can be obtained by

calling the Crighton Theatre box office at 936-441-SHOW (7469) or online at [www.stage-right.org](http://www.stage-right.org). Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$15 for seniors and \$12 for youth. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more.



If you are looking for something fun for your 'little angel' to do, come to the first annual STAGE RIGHT Holiday Open House to be held from 1 pm to 5 pm on December 8. We will have concessions for sale before and during the Conroe Friendly City Kiwanis Children's Christmas Parade which begins at 1 pm in downtown Conroe. After the parade, swing on by the Crighton Theatre for some fun. We'll have events scheduled during the afternoon to include a puppet making class at Santa's Workshop (the space adjacent to the theatre that will eventually be an expanded lobby for the Crighton). Professional ventriloquists Phil and Melissa

*Phillip Skoblick, Jim Matthews and Dennis O'Connor; Convicts Alfred and Joseph have thoroughly 'cleaned' Uncle Henri's gun*



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See an angel, be an angel! As with every holiday show, STAGE RIGHT will be collecting new unwrapped toys for donation to the Marine's Toys for Tots Campaign during the run of the show. The Toys for Tots program was founded in 1947 by reservist Major William L. Hendricks. Hendricks

was inspired by his wife Diane when she tried to donate a doll to a needy child but could find no organization to do so. Since beginning the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program in 1947, Marines have distributed more than 452 million toys to more than 209 million needy children. Be an angel to a local family in need; bring a toy to make a child's Christmas brighter. Any family bringing a toy for donation on Dec. 8 will be admitted to the Open House for free! Our collection bin will be in the lobby during the run of MY THREE ANGELS.

Believe in Angels and have a blessed holiday! ♦

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