

STAGE RIGHT

Three Big Surprises at the Historic Crighton Theatre

By: Steven Wong

The fall is traditionally a busy time as kids go back to school and football season starts anew. Take a break and treat yourself to shows without having to drive to downtown Houston.

October Event: Fiesta! with the River Oaks Chamber Orchestra

On October 7, 2012 at 7 PM at the historic Crighton Theatre the River Oaks Chamber Orchestra (ROCO) will perform an encore of their season opener, "Fiesta!" featuring guest Conductor Josep Caballé-Domenech, and piano soloist Anne-Marie McDermott. Josep has conducted orchestras such as the Royal Philharmonic in London and the Hous-



ton Symphony; Anne Marie has performed with many leading orchestras including the New York Philharmonic.

So why should you come to see ROCO in concert at the Crighton? You need to hear and meet the tour-de-force behind ROCO: principal oboist Alecia Lawyer, a feisty, fearless and independent founder of the River Oaks Chamber Orchestra. She has given Houston a classical music group that is a cultural gem. Alecia knows how to pick musicians who have an innate ability to energize an audience.

"My goal in programming concerts is to allow the conductor, soloist and orchestra to bring something personal to audiences each



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concert," says Alecia. "I have a running list of pieces that individuals in the orchestra want to perform. I figure out whose turn it is to solo with the group — which in ROCO's case, that's an instrument other than piano as the soloists are from the orchestra — and ask them which pieces they want to do. I then speak with the conductor for that program to find out what personal favorites he or she has or pieces that have special meaning to him or her, and we tie the program together. I love the distinctly personal flair that comes out of this process for each concert."

The program includes classical favorites by Spanish and Argentine composers and Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 20 in d minor. And in true ROCO fashion, audiences can expect a surprise or two!

*November Event:
Comedian Andy Gross*

Experience an Evening of Illusion and Comedy with Andy Gross on November 16,



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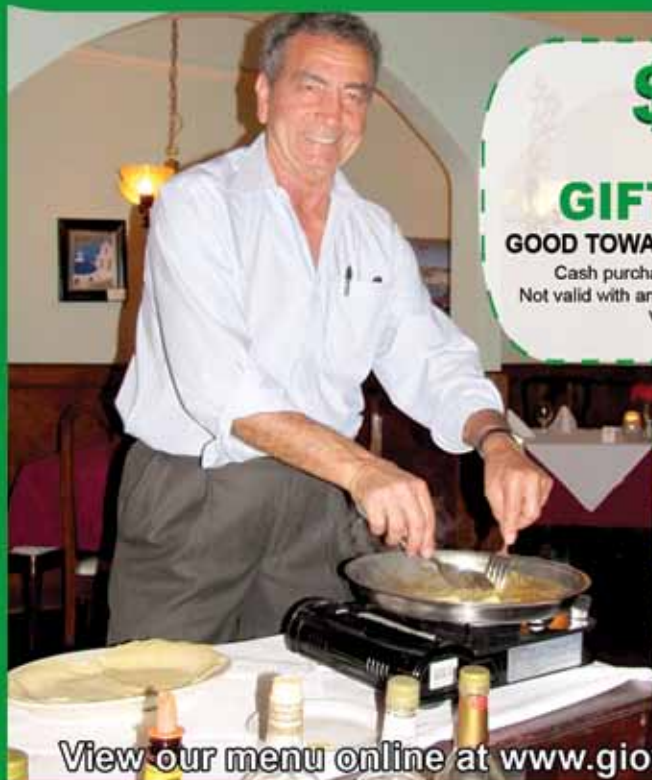
2012 at 12:30 and 7:30 PM at the historic Crichton Theatre. Andy Gross is one of the hottest corporate entertainer, stand up comic, magician and ventriloquist working today as evidenced by his sold out shows and devoted following. He performs over 150 shows a year at comedy clubs, Las Vegas, cruise ships, fortune 500 corporate events, colleges and performing arts theatres everywhere. He is considered the best by his peers in the entertainment industry and he will leave you spellbound.

You may recognize him from his numerous TV appearances, including most recently an NBC television special featuring his talents. Andy is multi-talented and the only entertainer that currently combines stand up comedy, magic and ventriloquism successfully together making him one of the most sought after corporate entertainers in the world. Audiences are absolutely unanimous in their praise of this amazing performer.



His ad-libs during his stand-up are compared frequently to Don Rickles and Robin Williams. His voice throwing is the best in the business and only a few people in the world can throw their voice, it is must hear to believe.

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*December Event:
My Three Angels -
A Christmas Comedy
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Humphrey Bogart and Peter Ustinov made a film in 1955 called "We're No Angels". Now see the stage version of this comedy called "My Three Angels" at the historic Crighton on November 30 - December 16, 2012. Convicts? Snakes? French Guiana? How is "My Three Angels" a Christmas comedy?

Like any good Christmas story, "My Three Angels" is about redemption. "My Three Angels" takes a warm, witty and romantic look at our long-standing moral convictions of what is right and wrong. Take three interesting characters bent on wrongdoing whose hearts are gradually transformed as they use their "skills" to help a family in need. Our unlikely heroes arrive in a timely fashion to remind us all of what is truly most important during the season of giving. The comedy unfolds as their scheming never quite works as they originally intend.

Something new this holiday season at STAGE RIGHT will be a show geared just for kids to be presented as a Saturday matinee during the run of "My Three Angels". What will the show be? Stay tuned, but be assured that we are going to present a puppet show of a classic holiday story. The show will be followed by cookies and visits with Santa. This will be a holiday treat we hope to make a new Christmas at the Crighton tradition! Call the Box Office at 936-441-7469 or go to www.crightontheatre.org for tickets! ♦



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