

Entertainment Tonight

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Stage Right Casts Off On "A JOURNEY OF HOPE" With A Series Of Connected Shows.

The entire season's schedule of Stage Right's shows is presented in order to provide the reader the opportunity to purchase season tickets ahead of the opening show.

The "DIXIE SWIM CLUB" opens at 7:30 p.m. at the Crighton Theatre on Friday, September 5th and runs every weekend until Sunday, September 21st. Sworn to leave their husbands, jobs and children out of the picture for one weekend reunion; five women on the same college swimming team meet at an old beach cottage in North Carolina's Outer Banks. The women share their suffering and successes equally and are at once in a hilariously funny and yet poignant comedy. Directed by Amber Babcock.

Friday, December 5th at 7:30 p.m. "THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER" opens at the Crighton Theatre

and runs every weekend until Sunday, December 21st. After finding out that snacks are served at Sunday School, the Herdman kids, the most inventively awful kids in town; folks, any town, blow into church just in time to be in the Annual Christmas Pageant. There will be an audience sing-a-long of Christmas carols during the show. Come along folks in the "Christmas Spirit" and join the cast in this hilarious and heartwarming Christmas classic is Directed by Brenda Storseth.

Wow! This is one you will want to get tickets for now because it will be a definite "SOLD-OUT" performance by the time it opens on Friday, February 13th at 7:30 p.m. at the Crighton Theatre, the absolutely perfect acoustics for this multiple award winning Broadway and movie singing and dancing classic "SINGING IN THE RAIN!" Each unforgettable scene, song and dance number, is accounted for in this show, including the show-stopping title number

complete with an onstage rainstorm. There are hilarious situations, snappy dialogue and a "Hit-Parade" score of Hollywood standards that make "SINGING IN THE RAIN" the perfect entertainment for any fan and "seasoned citizens" of the golden age of movie musicals. Directed by Manny Cafeo.

"THE TRIP TO BOUNTIFUL!" opens at 7:30 p.m. at the historical Crighton Theatre in Conroe on Friday, April 17th and runs every weekend until Sunday May 3rd. Carrie Watts wants to visit her homeland in Bountiful, Texas once more before she dies. The air by the river, the song of the Red Bird, and the feel of the soil in her fingers are all she desires, yet her plans are thwarted by her hyper-vigilant son and daughter-in-law, but the journey to realize her wish examines love, hope and faith as Directed by Carolyn Corsano Wong.

Can you believe this one? SHREK! Yes folks, it is "SHREK - THE MUSICAL!" The show opens at 7:30 p.m. on

Friday, July 10th and runs every weekend until Sunday, July 26th. In this mythical faraway kingdom you got big trouble and a mess that calls for a real hero. Luckily, here comes one to solve the problems and he is an ogre, not a handsome prince. Based on the Academy Award Winner, "SHREK THE MUSICAL," Director Tina Cafeo brings the audience a hilarious story of everyone's favorite ogre to a dazzling new life on the stage. I am going just to rear the music and see the fabulous scenery, props and costumes.

All of the shows have 2:00 Sunday Matinees that are popular with the families with children and also the "Seasoned Citizen" groups. Season tickets and individual show tickets are now available at reasonable family and group prices by calling: Ticket Manager Kim Kelly daily in the theatre Box-office between 3:00 & 6:00 p.m. at: (936) 441-7469 - OR on line at: {www.crightontheatre.org}.