

Children's Bravo Company chooses 'A Pirate's Life'

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"It's a Pirate's Life for Me," so say members of the Stage Right Bravo Children's Theatre School which presents a musical comedy of that title May 11 & 12.

"The swashbuckling comedy brings Long John Sliver — that's Sliver, not Silver—to the Crighton Theatre stage," said Bravo instructor Amy Sowers.

The plot revolves around aristocrat Roger Goodman (Garrett Wilson) happily married to Sarah Huffington (Zina Zajicek). Roger visualizes a contented life with his wealthy wife.

His dream is tarnished, however, when he learns that Sarah considers him boring, and pines for an adventurous pirate.

Resolving to prove himself to his darling, Roger hires Long John Sliver (Josh Beck) to coach him and a handful of assorted crew members in the ways of piracy. Roger's formidable new name is Captain Blood, and he must repay Sliver by finding a buried fortune on Treasure Island.

Meanwhile Sarah decides that the way to win the affections of a true pirate is by dubbing herself the Pirate Queen and recruiting her own crew of lady buccaneers. Neither she nor erstwhile husband, "Captain Blood" Roger, knows the true identity of the other.

Sarah learns that Captain Blood is holding her parents captive on Treasure Island, so she and her gang head there to rescue them.

Ferocious pirate Bluebeard (Raleigh Erwin) has retired on the island, "living the good life" with his motley crew. The once unruly squad does not welcome the influx of newly minted pirates, much preferring their days of beach chair lounging to the pirate wannabes, in particular looking askance at the one who thinks he's a parrot.

The show runs May 11 at 7 p.m., and May 12 at 2 p.m. Reserved seats cost \$5 for children, \$10 for adults at the Crighton box office, 936-441-7469.

Music director is Greg Kelly, with numerous local children in the cast.

Amy Sowers has directed a myriad of children's shows, and has earned roles in Stage Right and Country Playhouse productions. She has worn the director's hat a number of times, and teaches the Bravo Company with Katt Gilcrease. An accomplished actor with Stage Right and Crighton Players credits, Gilcrease amassed experience elsewhere as well.

Parents interested in enrolling youngsters with Bravo Company may find the following info helpful: Evening classes run September through May, at a monthly cost of \$50 per child. However, a second child in the same family pays just \$35 per month.

Currently in the forefront at the Crighton Theatre is Stage Right's "The Carol Burnett Show," displaying a medley of the iconic actress' most hilarious television skits. It was at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and fortunately there's a 2 p.m. matinee today. You have further opportunity to see it next weekend as well.

Call the Crighton to reserve, and bring a voluntary cash donation for Burnett's fave charity, the Teddy Bear project, that helps children with cancer and their families. Stage Right gives complimentary tickets to patients now undergoing cancer treatment and their families, but reservations are mandatory at the above number.