

Stage Right's  
"The Carol Burnett Show"  
and the Crighton Players  
45th anniversary celebration

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Staff photo by Brad Meyer

The Stage Right production of "The Carol Burnett Show" features a variety of humorous skits. Actors include, from left, Jim King, Carolyn Wong, Cathleen Reagan and Tom Richard.

## Stage Right offers debut of 'The Carol Burnett Show'

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The comedic skits, music and madcap merriment of one of America's premier comedienne comes to the stage of the Crighton Theatre this weekend – assuring a nostalgic trip in time.

The Stage Right production of "The Carol Burnett Show" – featuring the comedy sketches and musical performances popularized by the famous actress – debuts at 8 tonight and runs weekends through May 6 at the Crighton Theatre, located at 234 N. Main in Conroe.

"A lot of us grew up with The Carol Burnett Show," said Steven Wong, co-founder of Stage Right, the resident theatrical troupe of the Crighton Theatre. "When we learned licensed versions of her skits were available, we thought it would be fun to do a retro-style comedy show based on her classic sketch come-

### WHAT'S NEXT

Stage Right presents their production of "The Carol Burnett Show," featuring a series of comedy sketches and musical numbers associated with the popular television actress and comedienne, debuting tonight and running through May 6. For tickets and information, visit [www.stage-right.org](http://www.stage-right.org) or call 936-441-SHOW.

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Wong described the production as a variety show based on sketches from the television series, with songs, dance numbers and sketch comedy. The performance includes classics like "As the Stomach Turns," a parody of "As the World Turns," and "Went with the Wind," a send up of "Gone with the Wind," featuring Burnett as Scarlett O'Hara in a dress made from a window curtain – complete with curtain rod.

While Burnett will actually be in the greater Houston area this weekend, she is not part of the of the Stage

Right production – Burnett's role is handled by several actresses in the skits and musical numbers being presented.

But that doesn't mean she doesn't have a direct connection to the production. In October, Carolyn Wong of Stage Right sent Burnett a letter informing her of the show and inviting her to attend. The phone call she received at 1:47 p.m. on Oct. 26 was a big surprise.

"She called and very matter of factly introduced herself and thanked me for the interest in her show," said Wong. "She encouraged us to check out some of her skits on YouTube to add to the show if we liked."

Burnett went on to provide backstage passes for Carolyn and Steven for the "Laughter and Reflection" show she is appearing in at The Grand 1894 Opera House in Galveston this weekend.

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"It was amazing to be able to talk to a comedy legend like Carol Burnett," said Wong. "We're really looking forward to meeting her."

With Burnett's blessing, the show was expanded to include previously unavailable material, including sketch comedy based on the popular "Mama's Family" television show and musical numbers from Cole Porter.

Burnett has donated proceeds from the licensing of the play to Native American charitable groups, but Carolyn Wong said the actress also suggested Stage Right might encourage support of the Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation.

"She really wants to help others, so we're encouraging our audience to help us help others as well," said Steven Wong. "Anyone re-

ceiving cancer treatment can arrange for free admission to the show by contacting the box office in advance."

Director Sam Martinez said assembling the sketches and musical numbers into a performance has worked well. He had high praise for the cast, particularly the various actresses that portray Burnett's famous characters.

"The 'Sonny & Claire' number, a send up of 'Sonny & Cher,' is hilarious and fun to watch," said Martinez. "It's something I think the audience will really enjoy."

Tickets for the Stage Right production of "The Carol Burnett Show" are \$20 for adults, \$17 for seniors and \$15 for students. Donations in support of the Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation are appreciated. For information, visit [www.stage-right.org](http://www.stage-right.org) or call 936-441-SHOW.



## THE CAROL BURNETT SHOW

at the historic  
Crighton Theatre

April 20 - May

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At Ms. Burnett's request, we are co-sponsoring the show with the  
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