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Presents

LOVE LETTERS

By A. R. Gurney



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Director's Letter

Who writes letters these days?

Who has the time?

In our busy lives we “communicate” with each other via e-mail, phone, fax and text messages. In an effort to save even more time we’ve resorted to assigning acronyms to common phrases; your response might be OMG (oh my God) or that was just TMI (too much information) and this whole thing makes you LOL (laugh out loud). Is this a bad thing? Well, no, but it is a sad thing when our methods of shorthand communication become so routine that we forget how to really craft our words when it’s most important. When we really need to say what needs to be said to a loved one, will we even remember how?

As you watch Melissa and Andrew read the letters they have exchanged over a lifetime spent apart I hope you’ll be reminded how we all have the opportunity to send a genuine piece of ourselves to others miles and perhaps years away. Sometimes sitting and writing a letter helps communicate with others even better than if we were face to face. When writing, we can take the time, without interruption, to carefully organize our words in an effort to express who we really are and how we really feel. In one of his letters, Andrew explains this very point. He says when he writes he is giving himself totally to Melissa and unlike a phone call or a meeting, which are fleeting, she will have a tangible piece of him forever in a letter.

Who knows, if the economy gets any worse we may all soon be sitting in the dark, by candlelight without cell phone, computer or internet service reduced to taking pen to paper. That might not be so bad after all. Say what needs to be said to those you love. Tell them in a letter.

Enjoy the show,
Carolyn Corsano Wong
Director

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Love Letters

Cast

Andrew Makepeace Ladd III Allen Dorris
Melissa Gardner Catherine Anderson

Production Staff

DirectorCarolyn Corsano Wong
ProducerMarcia Feldt Bates
Technical Director Mike Goode
Set Design Greg Kelly
Box Office Kim Kelly
House Manager Rhonda McLaughlin
Lighting Design Roger Ormiston
Sound Design Jim Tatum
Stage Manager Steve Wong

Place & Time

Here and now and long ago

There will be a 15 minute intermission between acts.

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Cast and Crew Biographies

ALLEN DORRIS (Andrew Makepeace Ladd III)

Mr. Dorris recently appeared in the new Owen Theatre as Rote in the Crighton Players chilling production of Wait Until Dark. His most recent role on the Crighton stage was Stanley in A Streetcar Named Desire. Allen has been fortunate to work in many theatres throughout the Houston area including Country Playhouse where he was last seen as George in Of Mice and Men. He would like to thank STAGE RIGHT for the wonderful opportunity of working again on the Crighton stage especially with his “Stella” Ms. Anderson.

CATHERINE ANDERSON (Melissa Gardner)

Ms. Anderson’s most recent appearance on the Crighton stage was as Lurlene in the Crighton Players 2007 production of Daddy’s Dyin’ Who’s Got the Will? Previous to that she appeared with Mr. Dorris as Stella in A Streetcar Named Desire. Favorite roles on other stages include Truvy in Steel Magnolias, Evelyn in Everything in the Garden and Sister Margaretta in The Sound of Music. Catherine sings all over the Southeast with the gospel trio “One Accord Trio” and “Cathy’s Conservatory IV” a tin-pan alley band. She is the Social Director at The Conservatory at Alden Bridge in the Woodlands.

CAROLYN CORSANO WONG (Director)

The role of director is a new and exciting one for Carolyn. She is very grateful for the trust both cast and crew have given her. Carolyn has had the privilege of performing on the Crighton stage numerous times. Most recently she was seen as the crusty frustrated director Miss Geneva in STAGE RIGHT’S premiere production; Christmas Belles. Perhaps that role was foreshadowing things to come! Carolyn has performed on other stages in the Houston area including ACE and Playhouse 1960 and many in the DFW metroplex. She thanks her guys; Steve, Michael and Harley for their love, support and an occasionally sloppy kiss.

MARCIA FELDT BATES (Producer)

Marcia is a Realtor with Texas Edge Real Estate in Montgomery. Since moving to Montgomery from Sugar Land in 2001, she has enjoyed the Crighton Theatre as stage manager for the 2002 production of Radio TBS, assistant stage manager for “The Cemetery Club” and “Tea House of the August Moon.” Onstage, Marcia has played Madeline in “The Cemetery Club”, a village lady in Tea House, Mrs. Shellhammer in “Miracle on 34th Street” and Lizzie in “The Uninvited.” Marcia graduated from UCLA and worked for seven years as a CPA in Public Accounting before opening Feldt Personnel Consultants in 1983. After selling this company to a national corporation, Marcia and her husband built a townhome on the Lake. They have three daughters living in Houston, Austin and The Woodlands and area proud grandparents of year old twins!

MIKE GOODE (Technical Director/Lights)

Mike has been helping backstage at the Crighton Theatre for five years. He has also performed on stage in M*A*S*H, and Arsenic & Old Lace with the Crighton Players. This is Mike's second time in the light booth having run them for the first time on "Christmas Belles."

GREG KELLY (Set Design)

Greg's experiences include several onstage roles, serving as a musical director on several occasions, and many times working the backstage prior to, and during plays, musicals and concerts. Hi is a mathematics teacher at Moorehead Junior High in Conroe and serves as the Minister of Music at the River Pointe Baptist Church, also in Conroe.

RHONDA MCLAUGHLIN (House Manager)

This is Rhonda's second time as house manager having jumped into this role with STAGE RIGHT'S first production; Christmas Belles. Rhonda has previously helped with props for the Crighton Kidz and for the Crighton Players production of The Buddy Holly Story. She is now enjoying recruiting volunteers to usher and run concessions.

ROGER ORMISTON (Light Design)

STAGE RIGHT is pleased to have Roger's creativity displayed in this show. Like Jim on sound, his talents are much in demand. He was grateful to light this particular show with more than just 'lights up, lights down.'

JIM TATUM (Sound Design)

Jim is a mainstay at the sound board both here at the Crighton and at the Owen Theatre. Most recently he designed sound for the Players production of Steel Magnolias. Thanks for the great old tunes, Jim!

STEVEN WONG (Stage Manager)

Steve started his "career" on the stage 35 years ago as a drapery consultant. Since then he has taken on backstage roles (stage manager, sound, props, etc.) to avoid the role of a theatre widower.



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The initial slate of classes began in January of 2009. For more information see our website at www.StageRightOfTexas.org.

Classes for Youth

All classes meet at the Crighton Theatre after school hours. Classes are \$50/month and enrolment is still open. Contact Amy Sowers at amybsowers@msn.com or 936-760-2937 for more information.

- 5 – 7 yr. Creative Drama – Tuesday evenings 5-6 pm
- 8-12 yr. Theatre Basics – Tuesday evenings 5-6:30 pm
- Teens Theatre – Thursday evenings 5-6:30 pm

Classes for Adults & Young Adults

Most classes meet on weekend afternoons. Session numbers and cost are dependent on the class. Contact Carolyn Wong carolyn.wong@stage-right.org or 281-363-1567 for more info. Next scheduled classes are:

- Audition Boot Camp (2/14 & 2/21 11 am to 2 pm.)
- Intro to Acting on Camera (2/8 at 2 pm)
- Improvisation Fundamentals for Teens & Young Adults (8 sessions beginning Monday 2/16 at 5-6:30 pm)
- Improvisation Fundamentals for Adults (8 sessions beginning Saturday 2/21 at 4-5:30 pm)
- Meisner Technique Workout (10 sessions beginning Saturday 2/21 from 2-4 pm).



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Letter from the President

One day, the father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the express purpose of showing him how poor people live. They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family.

On their return from their trip, the father asked his son, “How was the trip?”

“It was great, Dad.”

“Did you see how poor people live?” the father asked.

“Oh yeah,” said the son.

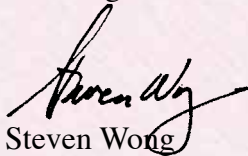
“So, tell me, what did you learn from the trip?” asked the father.

The son answered: “I saw that we have one dog and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon. We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight. We have servants who serve us, but they serve others. We buy our food, but they grow theirs. We have walls around our property to protect us, yet they have friends to protect them.”

Then his son added, “Thanks, Dad, for showing me how poor we are.”

In our particular case we have learned to adapt and be mindful of the gifts we have instead of complaining how others treat us. We have very little advantages in the way of political or financial prestige. However, we have a great gift – the patrons of the Crighton Theatre who are willing to give us a chance. We will not forget your trust in us.

Best Regards,



Steven Wong

2008-2009 Season



Christmas Belles by Jones, Hope, and Wooten

A church Christmas program spins hilariously out of control in this Southern farce about squabbling sisters, family secrets, a vengeful sheep, and a reluctant Elvis impersonator. Dec. 5-20, 2008.

Love Letters by A. R. Gurney

The Pulitzer Prize nominated play about two lifelong friends who discover true love despite the distance between them. February 13-28, 2009.



Southern Hospitality

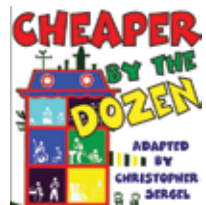
by Jones, Hope, and Wooten

In this sequel to Christmas Belles, the Futrelle sisters try to save their town from extinction by convincing a salsa manufacturing plant to relocate to Fayvo. The key enticement is “Fayro Days” which includes a Civil War re-enactment, a pet costume parade, a craft show, and beauty pageant. Never mind that “Fayro Days” don’t exist. April 17-May 2, 2009

Cheaper By the Dozen

by Sergel, Gilbreth, and Carey

This stage play tells the story of about two efficiency experts and their twelve kids. But when Dad tries to run his large family like a factory he produces nothing but comic relief! July 31-August 15, 2009



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