

STAGE RIGHT

Cordially Invites You to a Wedding – Fayro Style!

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What do “Gone With the Wind,” Gospel music and 300 lbs of Texas barbeque have in common? They are all part of the wedding thrown by the Futrelle sisters of Fayro, Texas in the STAGE RIGHT production of DEARLY BELOVED. You are invited to attend and partake of the laugh-out-loud merriment and near disaster always present when the Futrelles of Fayro get together. Who are the Futrelles? They are the creation of famed playwrights Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jaime Wooten; the most produced comedic playwrights in the country. DEARLY BELOVED is the first of their trilogy of plays based around the quirky small Texas town of Fayro (think “Greater Tuna” but more family friendly).

STAGE RIGHT has previously produced the other installments in the series, CHRISTMAS BELLES and SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY, to the delight of audience and critics alike.

DEARLY BELOVED has Frankie Futrelle Dubberly just about at the end of her rope as she prepares for the wedding of her daughter

Wylie & Twink at Tara

Tina Jo. As is often the case with weddings, it's not what the bride wants for her wedding but rather what the mother of the bride demands. Frankie demands that her daughter's wedding be memorable in the style of “Gone with the Wind” including hooped skirts on flowing dresses. It is memorable, but perhaps not in the way she wanted! How could it not be memorable with sister Twink having the reception catered with potluck in greasy Tupperware and government issue cheese purchased at a drastic discount? And cer-



**Justin & GJ,
Happy Ever After**

tainly the appearance of the prodigal sister Honey Raye whose departure brought the end of the Futrelles Gospel singing career as The Sermonettes will add gas to the flame. And speaking of flames, have you ever been to a wedding where you smelled the main dish roasting in an open pit behind the church? No, then come to Fayro and see how it all turns out. Rest assured it all ends happily thanks to the grit and determination of the folks of Fayro. As Frankie points out: "a woman is like a tea bag; you never know how strong she is until you put her in hot water!"

STAGE RIGHT always enjoys bringing new actors to the historic Crighton stage (the gleam in an actor's eye when they step onto that stage for the first time is a joy to behold!). For those that have seen the other installments of the Fayro trilogy, you will recognize some of the town regulars, but be prepared for an infusion of new talent from other parts of the greater Houston arts scene. Some of the newcomers include Patrick Slagle, Amy Creel, Robert Evans, and Jessica Honsinger. Patrick has an actor's dream role in this show. His character, Wylie Hicks, is muttering non-sequitars and asleep most of the show (no worry about remembering lines) as the result of being given too much cold medication by his fiancée of 15 years; marriage hungry Twink Futrelle. A native of Louisiana, Patrick has recently returned to the stage and was last seen in ACE's production of THE MAN WHO SAVED CHRISTMAS. Wylie's fiancée is played by Amy Creel. A graduate of Sam Houston State, Amy is an artist, art teacher and graphic designer when she's not treading the boards. Another teacher in our cast is Robert Evans. Also a graduate of Sam Houston State, Robert is the Theatre Arts teacher at Moorhead Jr. High

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resting at Tara**

**Wade Gonsoulin, Robert Evans and
Tom Lockhart - Is preacher 'knobby
knees' going to be able to do this
wedding?**



**Wade Gonsoulin as Dub and
Patrice Kentimenos as Frankie -
he wonders why she keeps
prayin' to her dead mama.**

**Robert Evans and
Jessica Honsinger - A
way to a man's heart is
through his stomach!**

yet still takes time to perform at many local theatres; most recently as Sky Masterson in DLP's production of GUY'S AND DOLLS. In this show Robert is fledging preacher Justin Waverly and is also the object of the affections of Gina Jo Dubberly (bride Tina Jo's identical twin sister). Both twins are portrayed by STAGE RIGHT newcomer Jessica Honsinger. As a recent graduate of the University of Hawaii and having studied in Paris and Cork Jessica has finally made it back to her hometown and is thrilled to be performing on the Crighton stage. Jessica has performed previously on stage and in short films and is about to begin work on her first independent feature film.

Performances of DEARLY BELOVED will be at the historic Crighton Theatre in downtown Conroe (234 N. Main St.). The show will run from April 16 to May 2, Friday and Saturday performances at 8 pm and two Sunday matinees on April 25 and May 2 at 2 pm. Tickets are available online at www.stage-right.org and www.crightontheatre.org or by calling the Crighton box office at 936-441-SHOW (7469). Tickets are \$17 for adults, \$15 for seniors and groups of 10 or more, and \$12 for youth and students with college ID. Look out for our discounts around town and on the website. We will be collecting items for donation to the Montgomery County Food Bank during the run of the show. So far, we've collected over 1,000 lbs!

For more information about STAGE RIGHT and to get a sneak peak at our upcoming 2010-2011 season, visit our website: www.stage-right.org. To see what else is coming to the Crighton stage and sign up for our monthly e-newsletter visit our newest site: www.crighton-theatre.com. ♦



Amy Sowers and Amy Creel as fuedin' sisters Honey Raye and Twink Futrelle

Tom Lockhart and Kate Ryan Hudson as John Curtis and Patsy Price-seems to be a difference of opinion about the food.

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