

STAGE
RIGHT

Presents

a De-Lovely Cruise!

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Sailors Welcome You Aboard



Hope and Billy (Christina Taylor and Hunter McMahon)

Did someone say iceberg!

Captain and Purser (Dan Tippen and Nathan Owen)

STAGE RIGHT of Texas, resident theatre company at the historic Crighton Theatre in downtown Conroe invites you to book passage on a cruise aboard the S.S. American.

The date of departure: Feb. 14, 2014 (that's Valentine's Day guys).

The port of departure: The historic Crighton Theatre (you didn't know cruise ships are in downtown Conroe did you?).

The cruise will be aboard the S.S. American and will be a magical journey that will take you back in time to the year 1934- the very year construction was begun on the Crighton Theatre and also the year a sparkling Cole Porter musical comedy named *Anything Goes* premiered on Broadway. Here is your travel itinerary:

- **You'll be entranced** by a 'De-Lovely' score courtesy of the incomparable Cole Porter and led by Musical Director Penny Andros with songs that include "I Get a Kick Out Of You," "Friendship," "You'd Be So Easy To Love," and of course "Anything Goes" all sung by the cream of the crop of musical theatre performers in the greater Houston area

- **You'll be entertained** by the extensive tap dancing sequences choreographed to perfection by Director/Choreographer Randy Bianchi. 1930's-era musical comedies have always held a special place in Randy's heart "because of their musical scores and, even more importantly, their extensive use of tap dancing." According to Randy: "There's no sound on earth like the sound of 20 or 30 chorus dancers executing a marvelous tap production number on stage and "Anything

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Reno Sweeney
- the real
captain of
your voyage
(Meaghan
Schulz)

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Goes" happily provides opportunities for that. Five minutes after the curtain goes up, you'll forget all your troubles and cares."

- **You'll be amused** at the hilarious romantic misadventures, mistaken identity, cheesy disguises, witty dialogue and a wedding to end all weddings at the end of the cruise.

- **You may be a winner!** As a fundraising event, raffle tickets to a cruise will be sold at all performances. The winner will be drawn at the final performance of Anything Goes on March 2.

Want to know who will be entertaining you on your voyage? Leading the cast as Reno Sweeny

is the dazzling Meaghan Schulz. Meagan was last seen on the Crighton stage as a dancer in *The Wizard of Oz* and in *The Drowsy Chaperone*. A graduate of the University of Alberta with a Bachelor of Music in Voice Performance, Meaghan teaches voice, musical theatre, tap, jazz and ballet at Kindermusik. This 'triple threat' performer will be sharing the stage with funny-man Michael Raabe as Moonface Martin. STAGE RIGHT audiences will remember Michael from many of our productions including our very first: he played Sheriff John Curtis Buntner in *Christmas Belles* and most recently was harried producer Max Feldzig in *The Drowsy Chaperone*.

The love interests, Billy and Hope, will be

played by James Hunter McMahon and Christina J. Taylor. Hunter and Christina were also in *The Drowsy Chaperone*. Audiences will remember Hunter for his tap dancing in *Drowsy* and Christina for her soaring soprano voice. Hope's fiancé, Lord Evelyn Oakleigh, is played by the hysterical Jonathan Rozas, another *Drowsy* cast member. Audiences will remember Jonathan as the irrepressible Latin lothario Adolpho in *Drowsy*. Other *Drowsy* alums include STAGE RIGHT founders Carolyn Corsano Wong and Steve Wong. Carolyn plays Hope's daffy mother Evangeline Harcourt and Steve plays Chinese convert John. Their son Mi-



Chinese converts with gangster's moll Erma- these Chinese don't look like the conversion stuck (Steve Wong, Amy Barnes, Michael Wong)

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chael Wong joins them on stage this time as Chinese convict turned convert Luke. STAGE RIGHT president Phil Clarke returns to the stage as Billy's often inebriated boss Elisha Whitney. Phil was last seen on the stage in *Arsenic & Old Lace*.

Returning to the Crighton stage after a long absence is Dan Tippen who plays the ship's Captain and Amy Barnes who plays Moonface Martin's sidekick Erma and Tom Richard as an imposing FBI man. New to the Crighton stage are a few musical theatre students from Sam Houston State:

Nathan Owen as the Purser, Devon Norwood as Rev. Henry T. Dobson.

They are joined by sailors Juan Morles and Steffan Crenshaw.

STAGE RIGHT set designer John Barton gets back on stage as an FBI agent. Reno's Angels are played by

Mrs. Harcourt and daughter Hope with Elisha Whitney (Carolyn Wong, Phil Clarke, Christina Taylor)

newcomers Mikki Woodard, Sara Marko, Laura Lange and STAGE RIGHT stalwart Sachi Tanaka. Along for the ride as passengers are Payton Crenshaw, tap dancer extraordinaire Isabella Munson (last seen tapping away in the Emerald City in *The Wizard of Oz*), newcomer Taylor Maresca, and STAGE RIGHT founder Amy Sowers who played Aunt Em in *The Wizard of Oz*.

Want to know how to book passage for a fun evening out with your sweetheart for Valentine's Day? *Anything Goes* runs for three weekends February 14 - March 2, 2014 Friday and Saturday nights at 8 pm and two Sunday matinees on Feb. 23 and

Mar. 2 at 2 pm. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Crighton box office at 936-441-7469 or online at www.stage-right.org. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and \$15 for youth 16 and under. Special group rates are available with groups of 15 persons or more. The rate for senior groups is only \$15. When you come to the show please bring a gift card for donation to the Montgomery County Women's Center. The historic Crighton Theatre is located at 234 N. Main Street in downtown Conroe. We hope you'll climb aboard the S.S. American where ANYTHING GOES! ♦

Lovelorn Billy and Reno (Hunter McMahon and Meaghan Schulz)






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