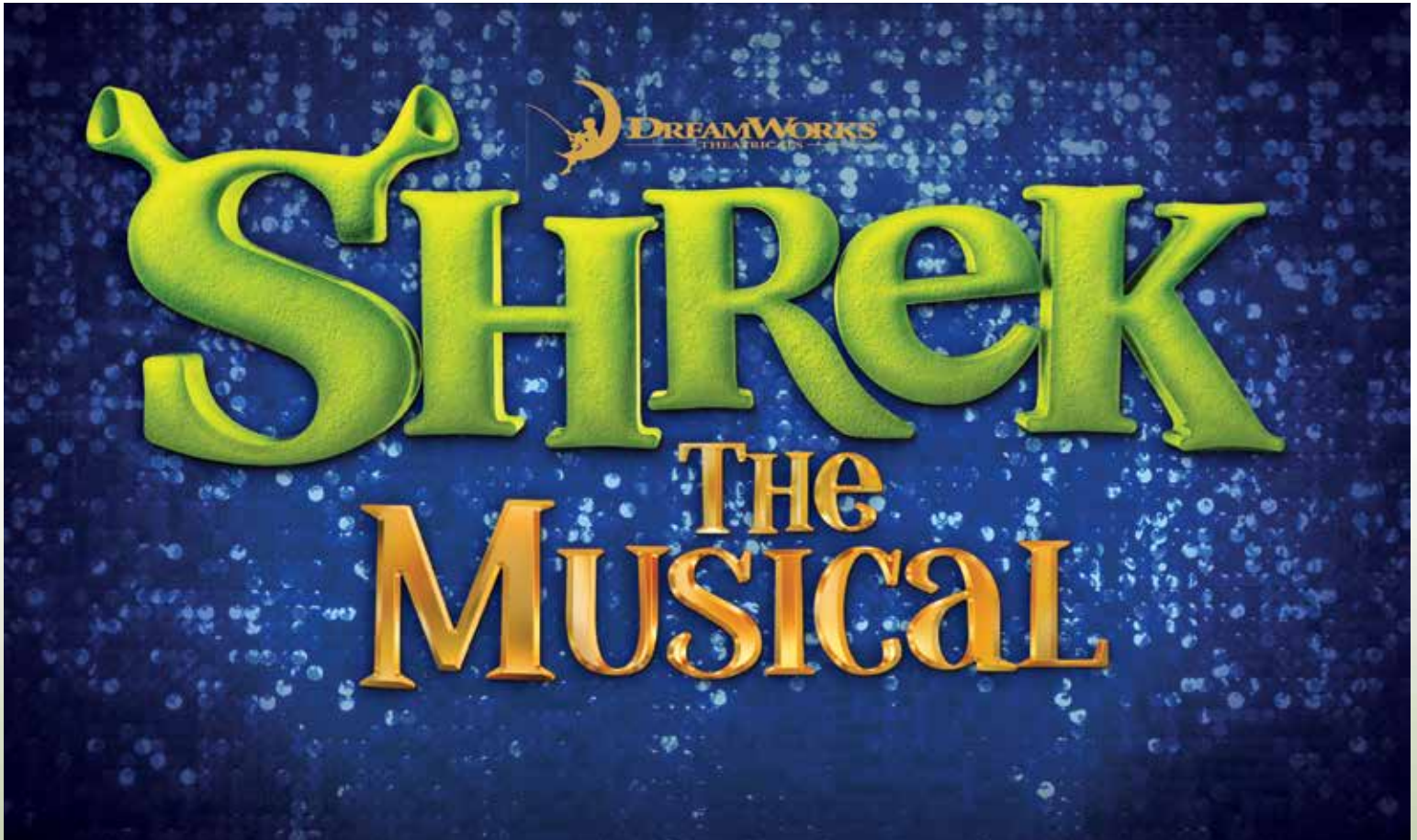


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STAGE RIGHT of Texas, resident theatre company at the historic Crighton Theatre in downtown Conroe, presents **Shrek – The Musical** July 10 – 26, 2015. The show is directed by Tina Cafeo. Based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks Animation film, **Shrek The Musical** is a TONY Award-winning fairy tale adventure featuring all new songs from Jeanine Tesori (*Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *Caroline or Change*) and a sidesplitting book by David Lindsay-Abaire. Shrek brings all the beloved characters you know from the film to life on stage, and proves there's more to the story than meets the ears.

The Shrek odyssey started in 1990 as a children's picture book by New Yorker cartoonist William Steig. From the book came the first Shrek film which won the first Oscar ever awarded in the Best Animated Feature category, defeating Pixar's *Monsters Inc* at the 2002 ceremony. Saturday Night Live star Chris Farley was originally cast as the title character but Mike Myers had to be recast when Farley died of a drug overdose in 1997, midway through recording Shrek's dialogue.

Production of the film took over 4 years and remarkably none of the leads; Myers, Cameron Diaz, John Lithgow or Eddie Murphy were ever together in the recording studio at the same time! The stage version draws from both the original book and the movie. Premiering in Seattle in August of 2008 the musical then made its way to Broadway in November of that year with Brian D'Arcy James as Shrek and the multi-talented Sutton Foster as Fiona.

Shrek – The Musical tells the story of an ogre that just wants to be left alone and goes on a quest to rescue a princess to gain the deed to his swamp from the evil vertically challenged Lord Farquaad. Along the way he picks up a very talkative wise-cracking Donkey. Princess Fiona is a rather feisty lass that competes hilariously with Shrek in breaking wind and belching. It is this unlikely occasion that the two realize their similarities (which are more than they realize at first) and a romance begins to blossom. Throw in an amorous Dragon, a cookie with an attitude and a host of fractured fairy tale characters and

this twisted fairy tale spins to a hilarious finish where beauty is truly in the eye of the Ogre. Irreverently fun for the whole family, Shrek proves that beautiful ain't always pretty!

Location:

Crighton Theatre
234 N. Main St.
Conroe, TX 77301

Performance Dates:

July 10 - 26, 2015
Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 PM
Sunday Matinees at 2:00 PM
Added Saturday matinee 7/25 at 2 pm

Ticket Information

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for Seniors and \$15 for youth 16 and under. Discounts are available to groups of 12 or more. Tickets can be purchased online at www.stage-right.org or by calling the Crighton Theatre box office at 936-441-7469.

We hope you'll join us for this hilarious and family friendly show! Get your tickets now because this is one that is sure to sell-out. ♦