

# STAGE RIGHT

## Has an Answer for your Holiday Dilemma

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Cast & Crew of *Christmas Belles* - STAGE RIGHT's First Show

Is your family coming to town for the holidays?

Have you found that spending time with family during the holidays is about like baptizing a cat; your heart may be in the right place but you wonder if all the scratching and fighting is worth it?

If so, we'd like to offer a suggestion

for what to do with your kin when they come to call. Keeping your family happy, reminding everyone about the 'reason for the season' and doing something to help others are the best ways to avoid a case of familial holiday havoc. STAGE RIGHT has just the right combination to help make that happen: Come see *Christmas Belles*

at the Crighton Theatre!

If you'd like to see how a dysfunctional Texas family handles their holiday woes (and perhaps remind you a bit of your own) as they prepare for a church Christmas program; head to the Crighton Dec. 4-20 to catch our return production of Jones, Hope and Wooten's *Christmas Belles*. We





Boo Koo BoKay Florist Geneva Musgrave portrayed by Carolyn Wong

formed STAGE RIGHT back in 2008 to keep the Crighton Theatre from standing dark at Christmas time. We picked the hilarious misadventures of the Futrelles of Fayro Texas for our very first show. It was so well received that folks hollered for us to bring it back and so we did in 2010 and we're bringing it back again with many of the original cast returning.

Don't miss the hilarious misadventures of the citizens of Fayro, Texas as they prepare for their annual Christmas pageant at The Tabernacle of the Lamb: "It's Christmas-time in the small town of Fayro, Texas, and the Futrelle Sisters—Frankie, Twink and Honey Raye—are not exactly in a festive mood. A cranky Frankie is weeks overdue with her second set of twins. Twink, recently jilted and bitter about it, is in jail for inadvertently burning down half the town. And hot-flash-suffering Honey Raye is desperately trying to keep the Tabernacle of the Lamb's Christmas Program from spiraling into chaos. But things are not looking too promising: Miss Geneva, the ousted director of the previous twenty-seven productions, is ruthless in her attempts to take over the show. The celebrity guest Santa Claus—played by Frankie's long-suffering husband, Dub—is passing a kidney stone. One of

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**Katt Gilcrease as Dub with Maria Sirgo as Frankie**

the shepherds refuses to watch over his flock by night without pulling his little red wagon behind him. And the entire cast is dropping like flies due to food poisoning from the Band Boosters' Pancake Supper. And when Frankie lets slip a family secret that has been carefully guarded for decades, all hope for a successful

Christmas program seems lost, even with an Elvis impersonator at the manger. But in true Futrelle fashion, the feuding sisters find a way to pull together in order to present a Christmas program the citizens of Fayro will never forget." Despite all the chaos, the true meaning of Christmas is at the heart of this delightful play written



**Michael Raabe as hip-swiveling Deputy Buntner with Amy Sowers and Melody Montez**

by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten who also gave us STAGE RIGHT audience favorites *The Dixie Swim Club*, *The Red Velvet Cake War* and *Mama Won't Fly*. Critic David Dow Bentley III when he



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reviewed our 2008 production called the show a “riotous romp” and newly formed theatre company “STAGE RIGHT off to a rip roaring hilarious start.”

Come to Fayro for a laugh-out-loud Christmas show and also remember, as the folks of Fayro do, what Christmas is all about. Before you come to the show, please pick up a gift for needy ‘seasoned citizens’. The holidays can be a lonely time for seniors with the focus so often on kids so we are asking our patrons to bring an unwrapped gift for seniors that we will donate to the Salvation Army. We collected 3 large moving boxes full of gifts last year and hope to overwhelm the Salvation Army again this year. Gift items could be personal care items, soaps, denture care, shampoo, blankets, socks, slippers, pajamas, reading glasses, etc. Let’s make this Christmas a joyous one for those of all ages.

Tickets for *Christmas Belles* are only \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and groups and \$15 for youth and groups of 12 or more. Season tickets for the remaining shows of our Season of Love & Laughter (*Christmas Belles*, *The Producers*, *Rumors* and *Legally Blonde*) are only \$68. Season tickets would make a great Christmas gift and can be purchased by calling the Crighton box office at 936-441-SHOW (7469). Information and individual show



Sisters Frankie and Honey-Raye portrayed by Marie Sirgo and Amy Sowers

tickets can also be found online at [www.stage-right.org](http://www.stage-right.org).

However you spend your holidays, we wish you a joyous and peaceful season. And in the words of Tiny Tim: “God help

us every one.” Of course we do know it’s really “God Bless us every one” but when we’re talking about family we need all the help we can get! ♦

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