

Bishop Gorman High School's
Gaels Theatre Guild Presents:

Black Box Series Production

Steel
MAGNOLIAS

Written by: Robert Harling
Directed by: Louisa Lemos

September 21, 22, & 23
at 6:00 pm
September 24th
at 2:00 pm

Tim Poster Black Box

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"If you can't say anything nice about anybody, come sit by me!" -Clairee

"Don't try and get on my good side... I no longer have one."
-Ouiser

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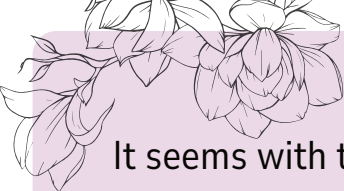
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Director's Note:



It seems with the passage of time, *Steel Magnolias* continues to be a fan favorite and a draw for theatre makers and goers compelled to experience this rare gem of femininity, friendship, and Southern-fried fun. These women of the South are experts in finding that magical tool of embracing their femininity to enhance their sense of empowerment. It is a gift to be unashamed by the vulnerability, connection, and engagement of the feminine space, where our spiritual strength, mental strength, and the strength of our convictions are allowed to bloom and flourish. We are proud to pass this lesson on to our amazing students, cast, and crew!

Many of us remember the movie, which has continued to gather an audience generation after generation, notably having a hand in launching the career of Julia Roberts, who was nominated for an Oscar for her performance. Please be aware that although the movie and play were both written by the same playwright, Robert Harling, there are differences. While the movie has multiple settings and locations, the play, which was written for the stage before the movie, takes place solely in Truvy's hair salon. The six female characters are featured here, with the mention of the other characters as part of the plot, but not seen by the audience.



As Robert Harling puts it, "Time passes. Things change. But thankfully, not everything. In the many years since writing *Steel Magnolias*, events in our world have stunned, shocked, and awed us all. But every time I revisit this simple tale of complex characters trying to make it through life and death with humor and warmth I am reassured. The basic need to reach out, support, and uplift others remains constant. These women are my family—literally and theatrically." Now, with our own production of *Steel Magnolias*, and with you here as our audience, we get to create and experience this family for ourselves.

Thank you for joining us and enjoy the show!!!

Louisa Lemos

Director of *Steel Magnolias*

This production was a thesis project which completes the requirements for a Masters of Arts in Theatre Education at Northern Colorado University.



***Please note there will be sound effects of gunshots during Act 1 Scene 1. Thank you.**



Steel MAGNOLIAS

By Robert Harling

Originally produced by the W.P.A. Theatre, New York City, 1987.
(Kyle Renick, Artistic Director)

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SETTING

Act 1 Scene 1: Saturday morning, a cloudy day in April, 1985

Act 1 Scene 2: Saturday before Christmas, 8 months later

10 minute Intermission

Act 2 Scene 1: Saturday morning, June, 18 months later

Act 2 Scene 2: Saturday morning, an unseasonably cold day in
November, 5 months later

CAST

September 21 & 23

Truvy.....Presley Barnaby
Anelle.....Josephina Russo
Clairee.....Kyrene Sideco
M'lynn.....Grace Logan
Shelby.....Isabella Rodriguez
Ouiser.....Jada Lomeli

September 22 & 24

Truvy.....Christina Golin
Anelle.....Lily Simmons
Clairee.....Kelly Nguyen
M'lynn.....Annika Laning
Shelby.....Kala Tran
Ouiser.....Sanya Jolly

"I would rather have 30 minutes of wonderful than a lifetime of nothing special." -Shelby

STUDENT CREW TEAM

Assistant Directors

Madison Brown
Max Wieseler

Stage Manager

Vivian Zhou

Assistant Stage Manager

Alexandra Ott

Production Assistants & Running Crew

Kenna Ainu'u
Valentina Lomeli
Sofia Vanderpool
Elizabeth Waltermeyer

Costume Coordinator

Jasmine Sierrapeniche

Sound Coordinator

Carling Welsh

Hair and Make-up Coordinator

Haley Kay Nafanua Ma'ae Taimalelagi

Set Coordinator

Matthew Hoang

Prop Coordinator

Devin Dimond

"My colors are blush and bashful."

-Shelby

"Her colors are pink and pink." -M'lynn

ADULT PRODUCTION TEAM

Elena Ferrante-Martin

Gaels Theatre Guild Managing
Producer & Artistic Director
BGHS Director of Performing Arts

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Resident Technical Director
Resident Audio Designer

Louisa Lemos

Director of Steel Magnolias
Performing Arts Faculty

Ashlyn Marie Laning

Resident Stage &
Production Manager
Program Designer

Katie Pessagno White

Performing Arts Secretary
Box Office Manager

Tammy Pessagno Silva

Resident Wardrobe, Hair & Makeup
and Properties Coordinator

Hannah Pessagno

Wig Artist

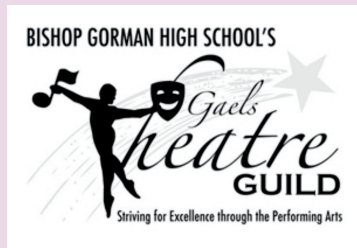
Ryan Eicher

Videographer

Isabel Henry

BGHS Communications Director

"Honey, time marches
on and eventually you
realize it's marchin'
across your face."
-Truvy



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"Laughter through tears is my
favorite emotion." -Truvy

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 @ 6:00PM

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