

ANKENY COMMUNITY THEATRE

Presents



STEEL

MAGNOLIAS

by

Robert Harling

June 6, 7, 13, 14
7:30 pm

June 8
2:00 pm

1997

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Hello and welcome to Steel Magnolias.

This is a very special show for several reasons. The first reason is the cast – six very strong willed women who bring energy and excitement to their roles. Secondly, a wonderful producer who was able to pull the whole thing together and keep me sane. Finally, the play itself is wonderful. A touch of southern life that will make you laugh and cry at the same time. As Truvy would say “Laughter through tears, my favorite emotion.”

This production has truly been a labor of love. We hope that you enjoy it.

Charlie

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“Originally produced by the W.P.A. Theatre, New York City, 1986.
(Kyle Renick, Artistic Director)”

STEEL MAGNOLIAS

CAST OF CHARACTERS

TRUVY JONES ~~~~~ JAN DEHOET
ANNELE DUPUY-DESOTO ~~~~~ KATHRYN BISBEY
CLAIREF BELCHER ~~~~~ KAREN SWIFT
SHELBY EATENTON-LATCHERIE ~~~ DENISE HASSETT
M'Lynn EATENTON ~~~~~ N. LEIGH SWITZER
OUSER BOUDREAUX ~~~~~ KAYLENE RUBY

LOCATION:

CHINQUAPIN, LOUISIANA

ACT I

Scene one ~ April

Scene two ~ December

15 minute intermission

ACT. II

Scene 1 ~ June, 18 months later

Scene 2 ~ November

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

Jan DeHoeet (Trudy) - Although active in community theatre throughout the Des Moines area, Jan considers the A.C.T. stage "Home." She's recently been seen here as Perkins, the cockney maid in *Hound of the Baskervilles* and Norma, the mother of the bride in *Plaza Suite*. When not on stage here, Jan acts as drama coordinator at First Federated Church, and makes her living as a computer trainer. She lives in Urbandale with her dog, Booger.

Kathryn Bisbey (Annelle Dupuy-DeSoto) - Kathryn has appeared on the A.C.T. stage in many roles. While, she is a fine straight actress, she is perhaps best known for her considerable musical talent. She most recently appeared as Audrey in the A.C.T. production of *Little Shop of Horrors*. She has also has been in *Nunsense*, *Mousetrap* and *Sunshine Boys*. Kathryn is on the A.C.T. Board of Directors and performs in the singing and dancing ACT II musical group. She is employed at KVI, participates in lots of church music and makes time for her biggest fan, her husband, Jim.

Karen Swift (Claire Belcher) - Karen has been involved with A.C.T. for many years in various areas: acting, directing, producing, serving on the Board of Directors and singing in ACT II. Her A.C.T. acting credits in *Nunsense*, *Barefoot in the Park*, *Bad Seed*, *Guys & Dolls*, *Oklahoma*, *Annie Get Your Gun* and two melodramas. Karen appreciates the support from her husband, Phil, children Tegan, Jimmy and Danae and Thai student "daughter", Fye.

Denise Hlasset (Shelby Eatenton-Latcherie) - If this cast member looks familiar, you probably remember her from her A.C.T. debut performance in *Little Shop of Horrors*. Like her character, Shelby, Denise also became a blushing bride last fall and is now married to a wonderful husband, Bob. Denise is employed at the Principal Financial Group where she is active in Toastmasters and Principal Singers. She is also attending Drake University part-time working towards a master's in Training/Education. In her free time, she enjoys singing playing guitar, all kinds of sports and spending time with her husband.

Leigh Switzer (M'Lynn Eatenton) - Leigh returns to the A.C.T. stage after a hiatus of 1 ½ years. Her last production for A.C.T. was Lady Agatha a *Hound of the Baskervilles* for which she won the 1995 Darel for "Best actress in a Leading Role". Leigh has performed such varied stage roles as Lady MacBeth, Blanche Dubois and Charlotte Corday. She was seen last fall in the TV series "Chicago Hope" and "Early Edition" and will be seen in the upcoming movies "A Thousand Acres" and Home Alone III."

Kaylene Ruby (Quiser Boudreaux) - Kaylene has been in the A.C.T. production of *Plaza Suite*, both in 1983 and 1996 (opposite her husband, Paul), *Play On* (also, with Paul), and *Arsenic and Old Lace*. In 1995 and 1996 she received the Darel award for Best Female Performance in a Comedy Role. Other theater experience includes directing for 7 years at Johnston High School and many, many, years ago as an actress in *The Badlands Players*, in Havre, Montana. Kaylene is presently Department Chair of Communication at Grand View College, teaching Journalism courses. She enjoys books, drool over antiques, laugh at her golf game and throw theme parties.

Charlie Crivaro (Director) - Charlie is a Chiropractor in Des Moines. While this is first time working with A.C.T., he is not new to theater work. In the past he has worked with *Guys and Dolls*, *Thurber Carnival*, *Twelfth Night* and *Inherit the Wind*. He has 20 years involvement at First Federated church as either actor, writer or director. His wife, Debra, is a lab technician at Vets Hospital. He has two sons, Nick 16 and Tony, 13.

PRODUCTION STAFF

<i>Director</i>	<i>Charles Crivaro</i>
<i>Producer</i>	<i>Jo Reid</i>
<i>Stage Manager</i>	<i>Monica Green</i>
<i>Dresser/Cast Assistant</i>	<i>Dianna Mason</i>
<i>Hair Design Advisor</i>	<i>Janine Carey</i>
<i>Set Design/Construction</i>	<i>Bill Shay</i>
	<i>Orrille Ballard</i>
<i>Light Design</i>	<i>Jim Bisbey</i>
<i>Sound Design</i>	<i>Jerry Reid</i>
<i>Refreshments</i>	<i>Paul Ruby</i>
<i>Props and Costumes</i>	<i>Cast</i>
<i>House Manager</i>	<i>Jerry Reid</i>
<i>Special Sound Recordings</i>	<i>Marty Wolsky</i>

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ACT II

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