

 Sterling Playmakers
Presents

Steel Magnolias

By Robert Harling



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Jim Collinson

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Shanna Christian

Sterling Playmakers is a non-profit 501(c)(3) community theatre organization in partnership with Loudoun County Parks, Recreation, and Community Services and the Sterling Community Center.

Our Mission Statement

Sterling Playmakers, in cooperation with Loudoun County Parks, Recreation, and Community Services' Sterling Community Center, will associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

To foster and perpetuate wholesome theatrical presentations for all age groups, of both a cultural and entertainment value to the community of Sterling, ever keeping in mind our obligations to the community in the safeguarding of the principles of good taste in all our endeavors.

To produce, direct, write, teach, stage and in all ways provide all forms of performing arts activities and events for children and adults and to hire such staff as may be necessary.

To exist as a non-profit organization, which operates strictly for the enjoyment of our members, providing an outlet for the artistic talents of as many community individuals as possible.

Statement of Diversity

Sterling Playmakers is committed to cultivating a diverse and inclusive environment for our volunteers, audiences, and the entire community. We embrace our differences and respect the unique contributions of each individual. We will not tolerate discrimination or harassment based on race, ethnicity, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, marital status, parental status, pregnancy, childbirth or related conditions, religion, creed, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status or any other protected status as established by law.

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The Theatre at Seneca Ridge Middle School
April 26, 27, & 28 and May 3, 4, & 5

Originally produced by the W.P.A. Theatre, New York City, 1987.

(Kyle Renick, Artistic Director)

Steel Magnolias is presented by special arrangement with
Dramatists Play Service, Inc., New York.

Cast



Caren Christiansen

Caren is so excited to be a part of this production! She got a late start in theater, performing for the first time in Sterling Playmakers' *42nd Street* in 2017. She loved it so much, she followed up with their *What If, What Then?* One Act festival, *Beauty and the Beast*, and finally, having the honor of playing the iconic Ouiser Boudreaux! Caren would like to thank Zachary and Celeste for their patience while their mom continues to pursue her passion, and Chris - honorary Playmaker and future leading man - for his love and support. I love you!



Emelie Colmery

Emelie is delighted to be Shelby in *Steel Magnolias* after being Lady with Baby and Enchanted Fork in *Beauty and the Beast* also with Sterling Playmakers. In her straight play debut, she feels grateful for all of the guidance and encouragement from her director, cast, crew, husband, family, and friends. I love you all!



Janet Davis

Janet is happy to have been involved in bringing this show to the stage. Prior acting credits include Mrs. Johnson in *Bye Bye Birdie* (SP), Bettie Meeks in *The Foreigner* (LCT), Narrator 3 in *Bad Girls of Western Lit* (SP), Mrs. Squires in *Music Man* (SP), and Operator (Call Center, Evening), Doctor (Speed Too), Fancy British Narrator (The Season) in the 4th Annual Washington, DC One-Minute Play Festival (Round House Theatre), and Mrs. Fremus, Mrs. Warren, and Clara in *The Boys Next Door* (Port City Playhouse). She owes a debt of gratitude to her husband, Tom Davis, for always being available to run lines with her.

Cast



Sarah Hardy

Sarah is excited to bring M'Lynn to life on the Playmakers' stage! Sarah has been active in the local community theatre scene for more than 20 years, and has worked in almost every position both on and off stage. Sarah's favorite on stage roles are: Yente, *Fiddler on the Roof* (Pickwick Players); Portia, the ugly step-sister, *Cinderella* (McLean Theatre Alliance); and Sarah, a bride, *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* (CAST in McLean). Sarah wants to thank all her friends and family for supporting her theatre endeavors, especially her husband for holding down the fort and her kids for understanding mom is at "rehearsal again."



Jordan Lohmeyer

Jordan is beyond grateful to be a part of this production of *Steel Magnolias*. She has come a long way from her early days of theater being cast as a dancer in a large ensemble to this small, but mighty, cast of six. While she is much more comfortable in musicals, probably due to her passion and study of music at Christopher Newport University, Jordan has enjoyed every moment in Truvy's shop with these incredible women. Jordan would like to thank all involved in this show, her family, boyfriend, and friends whom she loves more than her luggage!



Liz Mykietyn

Liz is beyond ecstatic to be Truvy again and back "home" with Sterling Playmakers. She loves this play, this cast, and especially Jimmy for a million reasons. Liz just finished directing *Arsenic and Old Lace* in Arlington. Last on stage with PPF's *California Suite*, Liz has a lifetime of experience in theater. Favorite moments include directing *Guys & Dolls* and *The Wizard of Oz* here; being "Truvy" in PPF's *Steel Magnolias*, and winning W.A.T.C.H. Best Director 2014 (PPF's *Rumors*). Shout out hugs to HAHAAs, Tequila Gals, BooBoo and my Nicolas for always being there.

Scenes

ACT ONE Scene I: April
Scene II: December
-- Intermission --

ACT TWO Scene I: June, eighteen months later
Scene II: November

Cast

Truvy Jones..... Liz Mykietyn
Annelle Dupuy-Desoto..... Jordan Lohmeyer
Clairee Belcher..... Janet Davis
Shelby Eatonten-Latcherie..... Emelie Colmery
M'Lynn Eatonten..... Sarah Hardy
Ouiser Boudreaux..... Caren Christiansen
Radio DJ..... Justin Winters

Special Thank You

Nick Cottone, Mitchell Seipt, Placido Gutierrez,
and the staff of Seneca Ridge Middle School

Nick Wilt and the staff of Sterling Community Center

The staff at GAM Graphics and Marketing

Mindy Mykietyn for being our Truvy's hair stylist

Glass Door Salon and ArtSpace Herndon for generous use of your locations

Our sincerest appreciation to anyone we may have missed
or who contributed to our show after this program went to print.

Director's Note

I was introduced to Steel Magnolias through the 1989 film, where I fell in love with the story, dialogue, and iconic performances. Afterwards, I attended various community theatre and collegiate productions, and every performance made me fall more in love with the material. It officially became my one of favorite plays and made such a huge impact in my life.

As my interest in directing grew, I always wanted my directorial debut to be with a show that I loved and was passionate about directing. When Sterling Playmakers announced Steel Magnolias as the spring show, I took it as the universe sending me a sign. Now, one would ask why would someone who is known for performing in musicals be so interested in directing a play? Any fan of the material would answer: to listen to the dialogue every day. The true answer: its timeless relatable nature.

When the cast and I began this process, we held various discussions about the show. We all were in agreement of how relatable the piece is for being over 30 years old. Every woman can see themselves as one of these characters. They may see themselves as a successful business owner who is fun and brassy with a heart of gold; a successful career woman who is dealing with a child being independent; her daughter who wants it all and stops at nothing to achieve her life goals; a former mayor's wife who is navigating widowhood and reinventing herself; a woman set in her ways who broadens her horizons and takes a leap of faith; and a woman who is lost but is found and finds her place in the world. These women take charge of their lives and make difficult decisions along the way with courage, dignity, beauty, and grace. And men are supposed to be made of steel or something! At this performance, you are the mirror at Truvy's station in her beauty shop. I invite you all to enjoy this powerful story with these amazing characters.

Thank you to Sterling Playmakers for this opportunity. Thank you to Liz, Sarah, Emelie, Caren, Janet, and Jordan for getting on my Millennium Falcon and taking this adventure through light speed. Thank you to Zora, Judith, Caroline, Marie, Jay, Aubry, Robyn, and Alan for your hard work, dedication, and designs on and offstage. Thank you to Joe for creating the sandbox to play in and our stunning set. Thank you to Helen being my right hand and calming presence. Thank you to Shanna for being the best producer and confidante for my first time at the rodeo. Finally, thank you to friends, family, and my fiancé, Erik, for your love and support.

Jim Collinson

Staff

Producer.....	Shanna Christian
Director.....	Jim Collinson
Assistant Director.....	Zora Grace
Production Stage Manager.....	Helen Gernhardt
Technical Director.....	Joe Christian
Lighting Design.....	Marie Casey
Lighting Operator.....	Patrick Fritz
Sound Design and Operator	Jay Burgin
Stage Manager.....	Abby Price
Running Crew.....	Alecia Nault
Costume Director.....	Judith Harmon
Costume Staff.....	Rachel Veal
Properties Director.....	Aubry Fisher
Make-Up and Hair Director.....	Caroline Mercurio
Set Design.....	Joe Christian
Publicity Manager.....	Robyn Stafford
Photographer.....	Alan Price
Box Office Managers.....	Mary Abbott, Mark Humphrey
Box Office Assistants.....	Doris Argall, Sandy Argall, Marleen Coté Phil Coté, Peggy Darr, Barbara Gillen, Tom Vecchio
House Manager.....	Priscilla Hall
Ushers.....	Kati Andresen, Charlotte Bias, John Bleutge Kathy Bleutge, Lora Buckman, Geoff Hardy Jenny Holsinger, Shardul Mehta, Zell Murphy, Megan Stockman, Mark Wasson
Set Construction/Painting.....	Matt Beasley, Joe Christian, Shanna Christian Jim Collinson, Emelie Colmery, Rob Colmery, Janet Davis, Helen Gernhardt, Zora Grace, Sarah Hardy, Jordan Lohmeyer, Liz Mykietyn, Chris Sanner, Kareem Taylor, Jeff Wichman
Graphic Design.....	Joe Christian
Program Design.....	Shanna Christian
Audition Staff.....	Doris Argall, Sandy Argall, John Geddie



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Apr 9, 2019 – May 20, 2019*

*Mind, Heart, Vision Exhibit
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CALL FOR ART

*Herndon Town Calendar Photo Competition
Deadline for submissions is June 11, 2019 at 5:00pm*

UPCOMING EVENTS

*Design & Wine: Silk Sarong Dying with Swirladelic
May 14, 2019*

*Brand New Day with On That Note
May 18, 2019*

*Design & Wine: Painting with Paper With Ronni Jolles
June 11, 2019*

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May 18..... ArtSpace Herndon

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presents:

HOW TO SUCCEED

IN BUSINESS

WITHOUT REALLY TRYING

Book by Abe Burrows, Jack Weinstock and Willie Gilbert

Music and Lyrics by Frank Loesser

Based upon the book by Shepherd Mead

Originally presented by CY Feuer and Ernest H. Martin

in Association with Frank Productions.

July 26, 27, 28

August 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11

2019

Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 PM

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46400 Algonkian Pkwy

Potomac Falls, VA 20165

Directed by Caroline Scarborough

Produced by Kimberly Fry

Co-Produced by Robyn Stafford



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 Sterling Playmakers

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