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The St. Clair Shores Players will be performing **STEEL MAGNOLIAS**, written by Robert Harling and directed by Matthew Sheehy for the Spring of 2017. St. Clair Shores Players continues the tradition of producing a variety of plays, from serious to comedy, realistic life to fantasy, with the intention of entertaining the public and giving them a glimpse of another life for a little while.

If you are not interested in performing here are some other ways that you can be a part of the production:

- Behind the scenes help that is needed are for props, lights, set construction, set dressing, and music to accompany the play. Contact Matt Sheehy at mattsheehy@yahoo.com for more information.

Volunteer to be a member of the play reading committee. If you are interested contact Karen Drum at girllocks@wowway.com



I am an old Southern woman, and I am supposed to wear funny clothes, ugly hats, and dig in the dirt. I did not make the rules.

— Shirley MacLaine as Miss Ouiser

STEEL MAGNOLIAS

When: *Friday, May 12th and Saturday, May 13th*
Friday, May 19th and Saturday, May 20th
Time: *Doors open at 7:30 pm, Curtin at 8:00 pm*
Where: *Good Shepherd United Methodist Church*
Harper between 13 Mile and Masonic
St. Clair Shores

Hope to see you there!

From the Director's Chair by Matt Sheehy

Hello Everyone,

Here's a quick update on what the cast and crew have been up to.

We are currently in the 12th week of rehearsals for STEEL MAGNOLIAS. We have completed eleven weeks of regular rehearsals learning lines, blocking, character and movement. These 11 weeks have been

very productive and ladies in the cast have done a tremendous amount of work and I have been very pleased with both their efforts and the outcome.

In week twelve, there are a lot of changes. We have moved from our rehearsal space (Jenny Miller's basement) to the church. We are moving on to set construction, Tech

Rehearsal, Dress Rehearsal and finally performance. I know these ladies are ready to go, we just need to ensure the set, props, lights and sound are good to go and our opening night (Friday, May 12th) should be spectacular.

Make sure you come out to see this 30th anniversary performance of STEEL MAGNOLIAS. *Thanks!*

Renew Your Membership

Now is the time to show your continued support for the SCS Players and renew your membership for the 2016 - 2017 season. Single memberships are only \$20.00 and families are \$30.00. Make your checks payable to "SCS Players" and mail it in care of Karen Drum, Membership Committee Chairperson. You can also pay your dues at any General Membership Meeting.

Here are a few things to remember about memberships. Single members are for anyone 18 years of age and up. Family Memberships include you, your spouse (husband or wife) and your children. Family memberships DO NOT include grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and/or boyfriends/ girlfriends. Rollover membership are only available to NEW members (those who have never

belong to the group in the past) who join after the Winter show has ended. Rollover memberships are not available to current or returning SCS Players.

Mail your 2016 - 2017 membership dues check to:

**Karen Drum
St. Clair Shores Players
P.O. Box 141
St. Clair Shores, MI 48080-0141**

Save the Date for our Annual Picnic

Date: Sunday, August 6, 2017

Time: 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Where: Spindler Park

Stephens between Little Mack and Kelly

Eastpointe

More Information coming soon!

From the President's Desk by Matthew Sheehy

Hello All,

If you attended the General Membership Meeting in April, you learned that the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church will soon be closing to combining with Roseville Trinity United Methodist Church. The final service at the current location will be Sunday, June 11, 2017. This will also makes STEEL

MAGNOLIAS the final show that the SCSP will perform at the current location. This is all a bit sad, so let's move on to the good news! The good news is that the St. Clair Shores Players will be moving with the congregation of Good Shepherd to Roseville Trinity. Continuing the good news, the facilities we will have access to at the new location are much better. We will perform in the

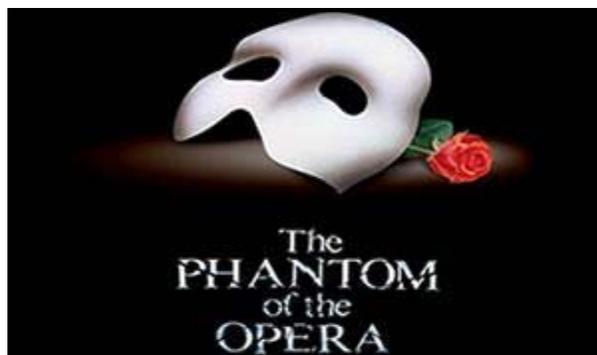
community center which is larger than our current performance space. And since this isn't inside the sanctuary, are we be able to allow our patrons to bring food and beverage into the show. There will definitely be some challenges with this move, but overall I think this will prove to be a great new location for the SCSP to be for years to come.

THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

My Vacation Evening with The Phantom of the Opera

by: Sharon Kusch

While vacationing in Austin, TX this year with my sisters and brother-in-law, one of the many activities that was planned was to see THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA performed by the Texas Performing Arts at the University of Texas. Bass Hall holds about 3000 people and for sure it was a full house. All the seats were good seats and we sat in the middle on the main floor about half way up. I have never seen this play before so did not know what to expect; it was a great play with a lot of opera (*big surprise*). I loved looking at the different sets and could only imagine how much work it was to put that together with the receding steps and the chandelier and the pyrotechnics. I tried not to pay too much attention to all the sets as I wanted to just enjoy the play, but both the actors, actresses, and the sets were fantastic!!! I would definitely go see again. It was a great production!!!



Welcome New Members

Hello Everyone,

Please be sure to give our newest members, **Kate Gray** and **Meg Berger**, a very warm welcome as they perform on the SCSP stage for the first time in our upcoming production of **STEEL MAGNOLIAS**. Both of these ladies auditioned very strongly back in February and have shown since then that they have the skills, talents and abilities we have come to expect in our cast members. Kate plays the part of Annelle and Meg is M'Lynn.



Kate Gray

This is Kate's first acting role, but she has loved the theatre since her dad first took her to see a play. It was at a tiny venue in Toronto that only ran "The Mousetrap." She dreamt of one day acting on that very stage. The theatre closed, but the dream stayed. She would like to thank her family, friends, colleagues, fellow cast and crew, and especially her husband, Chris, for all of their support in helping her achieve it.



Meg Berger

This is Meg's first show with St. Clair Shores Players and she is thankful to the production crew and group for taking a chance on her. Previous roles include Older Ellie in Leader of the Pack the Musical, Winifred Banks in Mary Poppins, Kala in Tarzan, and Martha in White Christmas. When she isn't playing a mom on stage she is a mom to rambunctious twin boys. Love and thanks go out to her husband and family for wrangling the kiddos while she rehearses!



50 Years of Theater

The St. Clair Shores Players Present...

STEEL MAGNOLIAS

A Comedy/Drama by Robert Harling

By Special Arrangement with Dramatists Play Service Inc.

Directed By: Matthew Sheehy

The action is set in Truvy's beauty salon in Chinquapin, Louisiana, where all the ladies who are "anybody" come to have their hair done. Helped by her eager new assistant, Annelle (who is not sure whether or not she is still married), the outspoken, wise-cracking Truvy dispenses shampoos & free advice to the town's rich curmudgeon, Ouiser, ("I'm not crazy, I've just been in a bad mood for forty years"); an eccentric millionaire, Miss Clairee, who has a raging sweet tooth; & the local social leader, M'Lynn, whose daughter, Shelby (the prettiest girl in town), is about to marry a "good ole boy." Filled with hilarious repartee & not a few acerbic but humorously revealing verbal collisions. The play has an underlying strength-& love-which gives it, & its characters, the special quality to make them truly touching, funny & marvelously amiable company in good times & bad. **A real winner!**



Kate Gray as Annelle
Karen Drum as Truvy
Alice Carr as Clairee
Kathryn Bologna as Shelby
Meg Berger as M'Lynn
Jennifer Miller as Ouiser



SHOW DATES
Friday, May 12, 2017
Saturday, May 13, 2017
Friday, May 19, 2017
Saturday, May 20 2017

* All shows performed at: *
* Good Shepherd United *
* Methodist Church *
* 31601 Harper Avenue *
* St. Clair Shores, MI *

Ticket prices:
Adults: \$10
Senior Citizens (60+) \$9
Students: \$9
See website for special pricing
for groups of 10 or more

The curtain time for all shows is 8:00 PM. Doors open for seating at 7:30 PM
All seating is general admission & tickets are sold at the door. Please note we take CASH ONLY at the door (No checks, no credit cards, no debit cards. Sorry!)

Visit our website for more information at www.scsplayers.org

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 Since 1959*

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Mission Statement

The St. Clair Shores Players is a non-profit community theater group serving the city of St. Clair Shores and the surrounding environs. The SCS Players seek to provide a quality live theater experience to the community and also to provide an outlet for local talent in the production of these plays.

Membership to this group is open to anyone interested in furthering the purpose of the group (you do not need to be a citizen of the city of St. Clair Shores).

The SCS Players have, since the group formed in 1959, always held open casting calls for its productions. If you've got talent and the desire to be in a play or helping in some other capacity we are interested in having you as a member of our group.

Upcoming Events—MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

05/12/17 Performance: **Steel**
 05/13/17 **Magnolias**
 05/19/17 Performance: **Steel**
 05/20/17 **Magnolias**
 06/06/17 Board of Directors
 Meeting
 08/06/17 End of the Season Picnic
 Spindler Park, Stephens
 Road, Eastpointe

