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THE ST. CLAIR SHORES PLAYERS 57th SEASON

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The St. Clair Shores Players Spring 2017 production is STEEL MAGNOLIAS by Robert Harling and directed by Matthew Sheehy. Did you know that March 22, 2017 marks the 30th Anniversary of this plays first production? Thirty years on and it still touches the heart.

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 girlilocks@wowway.com



The smile on my face does not mean life is perfect. It means I appreciate what I have and what God has blessed me with.

Julia Roberts

General Membership Meeting

You are invited to attend the
SCSP General Membership Meeting...

- Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2017
- Time: 7:30 pm
- Location: Good Shepherd United Methodist Church (Harper Avenue between 13 Mile and Masonic)

Hope to see you all there!



From the Director's Chair

Hello Everyone!

Many GREAT things to report about STEEL MAGNOLIAS.

(1) We had 15 great actresses audition over the nights of February 8th and 9th.

(2) We could easily have cast the play twice.

(3) Casting was completed on February 10th.

(4) We got two new members in the cast.

(5) The cast is...

- Kate Gray
- Karen Drum
- Alice Carr
- Katie Bologna
- Meg Berger
- Jenny Miller

(6) Rehearsals began on Feb 13th will a read thru of entire script.

(7) Since then, we have worked thru all of Act I Scene 1 and 90% of Act I Scene 2.

(8) We did a very successful run thru of Act I Scene 1 without books on March 9th.

There have also been a few small set backs (power outage and illness in cast caused us to cancel two rehearsals), but over all things are going very well. I have six very dedicated ladies who are working hard to ensure that the SCSPs 30th anniversary production of STEEL MAGNOLIAS will be *GREAT!*

Matt Sheehy

- Director

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

**MEMBERSHIPS
DUES FOR THE
2016 - 2017
SEASON SHOULD
BE NOW BE PAID**



Theatre Review by Carol Sheehy



Pat and I have been attending performances at Wayne State University's Hillberry Theatre for the last two years. The actors are students pursuing an acting career, and that means you will see the same people in each production, sometimes in a leading role and other times in a supporting role. The ticket prices are very reasonable, under \$20.

So, how's the acting? Well, I have been very impressed with each production we have seen. Shakespeare's **Twelfth Night** was the last play we attended, and while the costuming was a bit odd, some modern garb and some "ethnic" garb, the acting was great. This was a comedy, but they also do other type of plays. The previous play was **Next to Normal**, a pop rock production about a woman suffering from mental illness. Very dark, very sad, but also very well done. I would highly recommend attending the Hillberry Theatre productions to our membership.

From the President's Desk

Hello Everyone,

Just a few things to cover.

First, I hope you all have been well. Spring and warmer weather is coming!

Next, we have some very big news to announce at the April 11th General Membership meeting, so I hope you plan to attend so

you can help to guide the group into its next phase.

I want to take a moment to welcome our three newest members:

- Shelley Grzymkowski
- Kate Gray
- Meg Berger

All three came to the group

via auditions for STEEL MAGNOLIAS. Two of them (Kate and Meg) got parts in the play and one (Shelley) has offered to help back stage with props. Please take a moment to welcome these ladies to the group when you meet them.

See you April 11th!

Matt Sheehy

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY: MARCH 8, 2017

From our Facebook Page...

On this International Women's Day, the St. Clair Shores Players would like to recognize the many wonderful women who help to keep our community theater group strong and alive for nearly 60 years.....

- Jackie Duemling (Founding Member)
- Carol Sheehy (Member for over 45 years)
- Sharon Kusch
- Linda Neuwirth
- Kathy Smith
- Karen Ferreri Drum
- Jenny Ferreri Miller
- Rachel Robinson
- Kate Gray
- Kathryn Bologna
- Meg Berger
- Alice Carr
- Laura Jae

Celebrate 100 Years of
International
Women's Day!



Thank you ladies! We couldn't do it without you!

Magnolia Quotables



Since it was originally produced for the stage in 1987, **STEEL MAGNOLIAS** has become an American classic and one of the things that make it classic is the many lines that are so funny and quotable. Here we will take moment to indulge in a few of the best presented in no particular order...

OUISER : I'm not crazy, I've just been in a very bad mood 40 years!

CLAIREE: Ouiser, you sound almost chipper. What happened today - you run over a small child or something?

TRUVY: Honey, time marches on and eventually you realize it is marchin' across your face.

SHELBY: Pink is my signature color.

CLAIREE : The only thing that separates us from the animals is our ability to accessorize.

TRUVY: There's so much static electricity in this room, I pick up everything but boys and money.

M'LYNN: I find it amusing. Men are supposed to be made out of steel or something. I just sat there. I just held Shelby's hand. There was no noise, no tremble, just peace. Oh god. I realize as a woman how lucky I am. I was there when that wonderful creature drifted into my life and I was there when she drifted out. It was the most precious moment of my life.

OUISER : I do not see plays, because I can nap at home for free. And I don't see movies 'cause they're trash, and they got nothin' but naked people in 'em! And I don't read books, 'cause if they're any good, they're gonna make 'em into a miniseries.

SHELBY: Mama, I don't know why you have to make everything so difficult. I look at having a baby as the opportunity of a lifetime. Sure there may be risk involved, but that's true for anybody. But you get through it and life goes on. And when it's all said and done there will be a little piece of immortality with Jackson's good looks and my sense of style, I hope. Please, please I need your support. I would rather have thirty minutes of wonderful than a lifetime of nothing special.

OUISER : The only reason people are nice to me is because I have more money than God.

TRUVY: I don't like her. I don't trust anyone who does their own hair. I don't think it's natural.

SHELBY: [*to Annelle*] Relax! You can't screw up her hair. Just tease it and make it look like a brown football helmet.

SHELBY: Well, we went skinny dipping and we did things that frightened the fish.

TRUVY: Smile! It increases your face value.

St. Clair Shores Players

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

50 Years of Theater

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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The St. Clair Shores Players

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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!

- 04/11/17 General Member Mtg.
 Good Shepherd United
 Methodist Church
- 05/02/17 Board of Directors
 Meeting
 Good Shepherd United
 Methodist Church
 7:30 pm
- 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
- 06/11/17 End of the Season Picnic
 Spindler Park, Stephens
 Road, Eastpointe

