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THE ST. CLAIR SHORES PLAYERS 57th SEASON

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Spring production performed by the St. Clair Shores Players will be **STEEL MAGNOLIAS**, written by Robert Harling and directed by Matthew Sheehy. We hope you see you at the auditions and the performances. The 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 on stage 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



Carrie Fisher

"She was loved by the world and she will be missed profoundly," Billie Lourd, (Carrie Fisher's daughter)

Welcome in the New Year with the SCSP!

Where: Ms. Mary's and Pete Too
34000 S. Gratiot Ave. and Quinn Road
Clinton Twp., MI

Ms. Mary's serves a variety of dishes including Mediterranean, Greek, American Traditional & Vegan

When: Sunday, January 8, 2017

Time: 5:00 pm

An eVite will follow soon. Hope to see you there!

Menu - <http://msmarysandpetetoo.com/menu/>

From the Director: Matt Sheehy



Hello Everyone!

Are you getting excited about STEEL MAGNOLIAS? I know I am. Auditions are a little over a month away and I've been working on the script for a while now.

As you may know, 2017 marks the 30th anniversary of this play's debut. Back in 1987, it was pretty much an instant success and work began on a movie version almost as soon as the play was staged.

The player's last produced it for the stage back in 2003 and it was

a great success for us at the time. I really hope that the run of success for this material will continue for us in the Spring of 2017. With your help I believe it can. Make sure you get the word out that this play is coming. Come out and audition. Volunteer to help back stage or front of the house. All these ways and more will help to ensure we succeed! What to get involved? Please contact me directly at: scsplayersorg@yahoo.com.

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

PLEASE PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE 2016 - 2017 SEASON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

From the President, Matthew Sheehy

Hello All

Happy New Year and welcome to 2017. Hope your holidays were awesome. As you saw on page one of this newsletter, we are hosting a New Year Holiday get together on Sunday, January 8th. I really hope you can make it out to this event as it will be our first opportunity in 2017

to gather together. An eVite will be going out soon and really hope you RSVP in the affirmative. Please feel free to bring your family and friends... the more the merrier.

As I am sure you are aware, we will be staging **STEEL MAGNOLIAS** in May of 2017 and I will be director. Its been 7 years since my last

directing gig (2010's **GUILTY CONSCIENCE**) and I hope everyone is as excited about this show as I am. It's a great script and with the right cast of talented women it really plays on the emotions. I think our audience will really enjoy this one.

Thanks again for being a member of the SCSP!

AUDITION NOTICE: CALLING ALL ACTRESSES!

>>> **Attention** <<<

The St. Clair Shores Players are looking for Actresses to audition for the Spring play **STEEL MAGNOLIAS**, written by Robert Harling and Directed by Matt Sheehy


Auditions will be held at
Good Shepherd United Methodist Church
 Harper Avenue between 13 Mile and Masonic
 St. Clair Shores

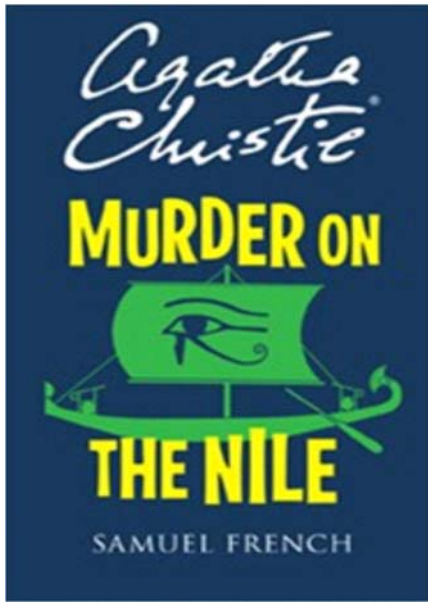
Dates: Wednesday, February 8, 2017
 Thursday, February 9, 2017

From: 7:30 - 9:00 pm

Looking forward to seeing you there!



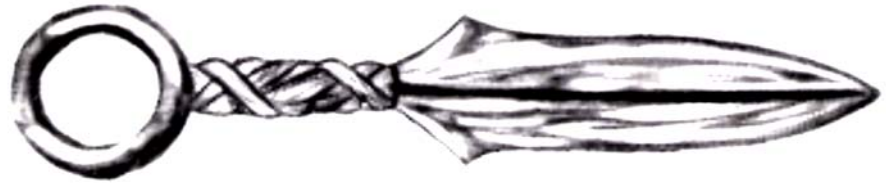
See page 5 for additional
 audition information 



Theater Review:

Murder on the Nile

Review by Michelle Neuwirth Gray



The play **MURDER ON THE NILE**, by Agatha Christie was performed at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. The cast consisted of two male actors and one female actress. The actors and actress proceeded to switch roles by changing hats, accents, and gestures to portray the other characters in the play throughout the show. The actors and actress were someone else throughout the play whether their parts were male or female. It was incredibly well done. The director chose to set the play in the mid-1940's during WWII. The actors were supposed to be performing the play as a radio show and due to the rain and constant barrage of bombs, only two actors showed up. When they needed an extra hand, they get the janitor involved. It was a really interesting to watch the show because even though the actors and actress were on stage the whole time as different people you had to remember that they were some of the other characters that were not on stage as well. The actors wore 1940s period clothes and then wore a variety of hats to indicate that they were another character. It was an enjoyable way to spend an afternoon for sure!



Steel
Magnolias
By Robert Harling

Audition Information

Cast of Characters

TRUVY JONES - 40ish. Owner of the beauty shop.

ANNELLE DUPY-DESOTO - 19. Beauty Shop assistant.

CLAIREE BELCHER - 66ish. Widow of former mayor. Grande dame.

SHELBY EATENTON-LATCHERIE - 25. Prettiest girl in town.

M'LYNN EATENTON - 50ish. Shelby's mother. Socially prominent career woman.

OUISER (pronounced "Weezer") **BOUDEAUX** - 66ish. Wealthy curmudgeon. Acerbic, but loveable.

- Auditions will consist of reading cuttings from the script. You will read alone and in groups.
- Please remember when auditioning that the women portrayed in this play are *witty, intelligent*, and above all, *real characters*. They in no way, shape or form are meant to be portrayed as cartoons or caricatures.
- Rehearsals will be every **Monday, Wednesday and Thursday**. Rehearsals begin in February. Performance dates are **May 12, 13, 19 & 20**.

Steel Magnolias

By Robert Harling

Wanted!

Props we need...



WANTED: For the SCSP Spring 2017 Production of **STEEL MAGNOLIAS**... two salon chairs similar to the one pictured here. We would like to borrow these chairs for May 2017. If you can help, please contact us directly at scsplayersorg@yahoo.com. Thank you.

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The St. Clair Shores Players

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Theater 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!

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| 01/08/17 Social Event -
Ms. Mary's and Pete Too
34000 S. Gratiot Ave.
Clinton Twp.,
5:00 pm. | 03/04/17 General Membership
Meeting—Good Shepherd
United Methodist Church
7:30 pm |
| 01/10/17 Board of Directors Mtg.
Good Shepherd Church
7:30—9:00 pm | 04/04/17 Board of Directors Meeting
Good Shepherd United
Methodist Church
7:30 pm |
| 02/07/17 Board of Directors Mtg.
Good Shepherd Church
7:30—9:00 pm | 05/02/17 Board of Directors Meeting
Good Shepherd United
Methodist Church
7:30 pm |
| 02/08/17 Auditions: Steel | 05/12/17 Performance: Steel |
| 02/09/17 Magnolias
Open Auditions
All are welcome! | 05/13/17 Magnolias |
| 02/12/17 SCS Players RED Party
Wear something Red and
bring a valentine card too.
More information TBA. | 05/19/17 Performance: Steel |
| 03/07/07 Board of Directors
Meeting—Good Shepherd
United Methodist Church | 05/20/17 Magnolias |
| | 06/06/17 Board of Directors Meeting |
| | 06/11/17 End of the Season Picnic
Spindler Park, Stephens
Road, Eastpointe |

