

# STEEL MAGNOLIAS

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**AUDITIONS:** March 12 from 7:00-9:00pm and March 13 beginning at 10:00am at the Aquinas College Arts & Music Building

**\*Call (616) 632-1984 to schedule an appointment**

**CALLBACKS:** If you are called back, you will be notified the afternoon of MARCH 13.

Callbacks are scheduled for SATURDAY MARCH 13 @ 1:30 PM

**REHEARSAL START DATE:** APRIL 12  
**PERFORMANCE DATES:** JUNE 3 – 19  
**PERFORMANCE TIMES:** 7:30 PM Wednesday-Saturday  
5:00 PM Sunday

**DIRECTOR** Michelle Urbane

## THE STORY

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 and 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; and 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 and not a few acerbic but humorously revealing verbal collisions, the play moves toward tragedy when, in the second act, the spunky Shelby (who is a diabetic) risks pregnancy and forfeits her life. The sudden realization of their mortality affects the others, but also draws on the underlying strength—and love—which give the play, and its characters, the special quality to make them truly touching, funny and marvelously amiable company in good times and bad.

**CASTING:** 6 Women, AGES: 18-60's

## CHARACTERS

TRUVY JONES

40ish, Owner of the beauty shop

ANNELLE DUPUY-DESOTO

19, beauty shop assistant

CLAIREE BELCHER

66ish, widow of the former mayor, "Grand Dame"

SHELBY EATENTON-LATCHERIE

25, prettiest girl in town

M'LYNN EATENON

50ish, Shelby's mother. Socially prominent career woman

OUISER ("Weezer") BOURDEAUX

66ish, wealthy curmudgeon, pointed but lovable.