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Steel Magnolias



OPENS APRIL 30
BOX OFFICE OPEN NOW

CAST brings you a southern favorite, *Steel Magnolias* by Robert Harling for the season finale. This drama, with its comic moments, is interpreted in a unique and fresh way by artistic director Kimberley Dobbs and her cast. Production dates are April 30 through May 10. That's two weekends with matinees at 2:30 p.m. on the two Saturdays and two Sundays. Pay What You Want nights are Thursdays, April 30 and May 7. Tickets are \$15 for adults, and \$8 for students. Remember, group discounts are available for groups of 12 or more.

Your season ticket, which names *From Blues to Broadway* as the last production, is good for *Steel Magnolias*. Due to budget constraints, CAST changed its final production from a musical to this popular play.

Please tell your friends and plan to come to a show that brings tears and laughter, a lighter but real and healing perspective on unhappy family relationships, and a new appreciation for living life. Perhaps most importantly of all, it is about bonding between parent and son or daughter, despite disagreements.

Make your reservations by calling 820-CAST. Tickets may be purchased online at castalabama.com

Steel Magnolias tickets may be purchased at: Farmers & Merchants Bank, Anniston, Golden Springs Pharmacy, NobleBank, Anniston and Oxford, Crow Drug in Jacksonville, Cheaha Bank, Oxford and Jacksonville

Letter from the Editor

Dear Patrons,

We are sure that you will enjoy *Steel Magnolias*! The women in the plot are intelligent and witty, according to the author, and their conversations tell of situations they face and how they handle them. The two-act play is set in Chinquapin, Louisiana, in a beauty shop where all the town gossip, latest and historic, is heard. Through all of the serious, heartbreaking problems these women must work through, they keep their sanity and manage to come through it all, using their sense of humor, and keep their sanity. It will touch us all.

Cast as "Truvy", the beauty shop owner is Jennie Wall. "Shelby" a married girl in her 20s and will be played by Hope Miles-Jamison. Shelby's mother, "M'Lynn" will be Denise Davis, "Annelle" beauty shop assistant is portrayed by Michelle Deese. "Clairee", the former mayor's wife and Grande Dame is Debby Mathews, and "Ouiser," the wealthy but lovable curmudgeon is Lolly Payne.

Come with your handkerchief but expect laughs, too. At intermission, sign up for our next season, which was shaped with a variety of entertainment in mind. See you at the theater!

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NEXT SEASON'S OPENER: *Annie, Get Your Gun* – SEE OUR DIRECTOR'S NOTES



What?	The 4th annual Randy Awards
When?	Saturday, June 20, 2009 at 6:30 pm
Where?	The Anniston Museum of Natural History
Tickets?	\$25.00 per person
How?	Complete the form and mail, or call 820-CAST to place your reservation
Deadline?	June 13, 2009

The 2008 – 2009 productions:
The Sound of Music, The Lady with All the Answers,
A Sanders Family Christmas,
Leading Ladies, and Steel Magnolias

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Date: _____ Phone: _____

Name _____

Address _____

Number of Randy Awards tickets _____ @ \$25 each = \$ _____

Mail to: P.O. Box 185 Anniston, Alabama 36202

LETTER FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR April 2009



It is my pleasure to share with you the names of the gifted cast I have been able to assemble for our next production of *STEEL MAGNOLIAS*, which includes Jennie Wall, Michelle Deese, Debby Mathews, Hope Miles Jamison, Denise Davis and Lolly Payne.. We are enjoying the rehearsal process and are very excited to present our work to you beginning April 30 - May 10. We are adding Saturday matinées to our schedule so shows will run Thursday, Friday, Saturday evenings at 8:00pm with Saturday and Sunday matinées at 2:30pm. In these times of economic struggle, we remind you of the best bargain around -- Thursday nights are PAY WHAT YOU WANT nights; so, you can get your slice of the Entertainment Pie for whatever price you can afford. Please take advantage of the bargain CAST is offering.

I want to share with you, our audience, how excited I am to announce our 2009 / 2010 Season, which opens with the classic *ANNIE GET YOUR GUN*. This Broadway favorite boasts such hits as *There's No Business Like Show Business*, *Doin' What Comes Naturally*, *Anything You Can Do* and *You Can't Get a Man With a Gun*. Then we will present the delightful comedy *SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY*, which is guaranteed to entertain. Considering the popularity of our most recent *LEADING LADIES*, we are calling on playwright Ken Ludwig's talents again, as we proudly give you *MOON OVER BUFFALO*. The closing show of the season is To Be Announced, as we are waiting for permission to mount a terrific show, which we will announce during the season. I encourage you to order your Season Tickets soon by calling 820-CAST or going to castalabama.com.

Thank you for supporting live theatre in our community.

Kim Dobbs, Artistic Director



CAST ACTORS APPEAR IN HEFLIN'S *Our Town*

Thornton Wilder's *Our Town* is a classic, with a meaningful message today about relationships and appreciating the details in daily life. Directed by Sonya Urquhart it will be given by the Heflin Arts Council's drama division on April 16 through 19 at the Casey Auditorium at the old Cleburne County High School. In the cast from CAST are Caleb Clark in the part of Stage Manager, the narrator, Georgia Cook as Emily, Tim Doyle as Simon Stimson, the choir director. Also, Bob Folsom as Howie Newsome the milkman, and Hervey Folsom as Mrs. Soames, the town gossip, Mike Stedham as Editor Webb, and George Whitesel, as The Man in the Audience.

JAMIE DAVIS CAST IN JSU'S *LOST IN YONKERS*

Congratulations, Jamie Davis, for being cast in a university play! Jamie plays "Arty" in JSU's April comic drama by Neil Simon, *Lost in Yonkers*. This is an Alpha Psi Omega student scholarship production. If Jamie is getting this part at age 11, expect to see him on stage again, in many more productions.

After their mother's death, "Arty's" father takes a long sales trip to pay back debts. Arty and his brother Jay stay with their German grandmother. Stern and demanding, she puts them to work in a candy and ice cream shop downstairs in her home, which she owns. Aunt Bella and Uncle Louie are strange family members, but thankfully, Arty's exile is temporary.

Jamie is son of Randy and Denise Davis. "I'm older now, and I have more lines," Jamie said. And he is very serious about learning his part. The play is directed by Denise Bradbury-Shaw.

We need

- Beauty Shop Accessories
- 70's / 80's era
- 2 Styling Chairs
- 1 Sink Chair
- 1 Salon Hair Dryer
- 2 Rolling Carts for beauty accessories
- pair of poinsettia earrings
- two barbicide jars

SAVE THE DATE!

The Randy Awards Night is June 20 at the Anniston Museum of Natural History, hosted by CAST's very own "Patsy Price" from *Dearly Beloved*. Catered by Classic on Noble, it starts at 6:30 p.m. Your raffle tickets give you a chance for some great prizes. If you can help out, please call CAST at 820-CAST. Complete the coupon on page one.

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The early bird gets . . . dinner for two



As we did last year, we are again encouraging all of you to sign up early for next season, our 10th season. If you do just that, you will be eligible for a drawing for dinner for two, a value of up to \$100.

Here are the details:

We will have two drawings for “dinner for two” for those who sign up and PAY for next season before *Steel Magnolias* closes.

The drawings will be held during intermission of the final performance of *Steel Magnolias* on Sunday, May 11, 2008.

The FIRST drawing is for those who sign up and PAY for next season by purchasing a season ticket, becoming, or renewing as, a donor or an advertiser. The winner will receive “dinner for two” at Classic on Noble before a performance of *Annie Get Your Gun* – limit: \$100.00.

The SECOND drawing is for those who upgrade their support from this season. For example, going from season tickets to donor or advertiser. Or, going from one donor or advertiser level to the next higher level, or beyond. The winner will receive “dinner for two” at different restaurants before a performance of each of the four plays – limit: \$100.00 per play, total value: \$400.00

All who sign up and PAY will be eligible for the first drawing. Only those who upgrade their support will be eligible for the second drawing. Board members and their immediate families are ineligible.

So, sign up early. You may do so by completing and mailing one of the order forms on page three. If you are buying season tickets or making a donation, complete the Season Subscription/ Donation Order. If you are placing an ad in our program, complete the Advertising Rates form.

Remember, the drawings for dinner for two will be held during intermission of the final performance of *Steel Magnolias* on Sunday, May 11, 2009.

Advertising Rates

2009 - 2010

Season Program – size: 5½" x 8½"

Includes advertisement in all programs

All categories include corporate membership in CAST

Executive Producer's Circle

Full page ad (5¼" x 8¼"), preferred location (except front page)

12 adult season tickets, includes reserved section until 10 minutes before curtain

\$5,500

Producer's Circle

Full Page page ad (5¼" x 8¼")

10 adult season tickets, includes reserved section until 10 minutes before curtain

\$2,500

Associate Producer's Circle

Full Page page ad (5¼" x 8¼")

8 adult season tickets, includes reserved section until 10 minutes before curtain

\$1,000

Director's Circle

One half-page ad (5¼" x 4¼")

6 adult season tickets, includes reserved section until 10 minutes before curtain

\$600

Actor's Circle

One quarter-page ad (2½" x 4")

4 adult season tickets, includes reserved section until 10 minutes before curtain

\$400

Cameo Circle

One eighth-page ad (2½" x 2")

2 adult season tickets, includes reserved section until 10 minutes before curtain

\$200

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Company _____

Authorized by: _____
Signature

Printed name

Address _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Payment attached Please bill

CAST volunteer _____

New advertiser

Former advertiser

No changes – repeat last year's ad

Other instructions _____

New layout

Logo or picture attached

Camera ready attached

ADVERTISEMENT LAYOUT INSTRUCTIONS

2009-2010 Season Subscription/Donation Order

Donation categories: (all categories include membership in CAST)

Executive Producer

10 adult season tickets, includes reserved section until 10 minutes before curtain

\$5,000

Producer

8 adult season tickets, includes reserved section until 10 minutes before curtain

\$1,500

Associate producer

6 adult season tickets, includes reserved section until 10 minutes before curtain

\$800

Director

4 adult season tickets, includes reserved section until 10 minutes before curtain

\$400

Actor

2 adult season tickets, includes reserved section until 10 minutes before curtain

\$200

Cameo

1 adult season ticket, includes reserved section until 10 minutes before curtain

\$100

Adult season ticket – includes membership in CAST

\$50

Student season ticket – includes membership in CAST

\$25

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Date: _____

Name (as it should appear in programs) _____

Address _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Donation category: _____

\$ _____

Number of adult season tickets _____ @ \$50 =

\$ _____

Number of student season tickets _____ @ \$25 =

\$ _____

Total

\$ _____

Payment attached Please bill

CAST volunteer _____

Season ticket #s: _____

Driver license # _____

Expiration date: _____