

Decatur's Community Theatre
Presents



Steel Magnolias

The illustration is a detailed drawing of a magnolia flower in full bloom. The flower has five large, white petals with subtle shading to give it a three-dimensional appearance. It is surrounded by several dark green, glossy leaves with prominent veins. The entire floral illustration is centered over the word "Magnolias" in the title.

April 24 & 25, 2009 - 7:30 p.m.

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April 26 & May 3, 2009 - 2:00 p.m.

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Our new slate of shows for 2009/2010:

The Pajama Game

music & lyrics by Richard Adler and Jerry Ross

FALL SHOW (November)

The Pajama Game is a musical dealing with labor troubles in the Sleep Tight pajama factory, where worker demands for a seven and a half cent raise are going unheeded. In the midst of this ordeal, love blossoms between Babe, the complaint committee head, and Sid, the new factory superintendent.

***Leading Ladies* by Ken Ludwig**

WINTER SHOW (February) Director: John Poling

Leading Ladies is a comedy by the author of ***Lend Me a Tenor*** and ***Moon Over Buffalo***. In it, two out-of-work Shakespearean actors, Jack and Leo, find themselves so down on their luck that when they hear about an old lady in York, PA who is about to die will leave her fortune to her two long lost English nephews, they resolve to pass themselves off as her beloved relatives and get the cash. The trouble is, when they get to York, they find out that the relatives aren't nephews, but nieces!

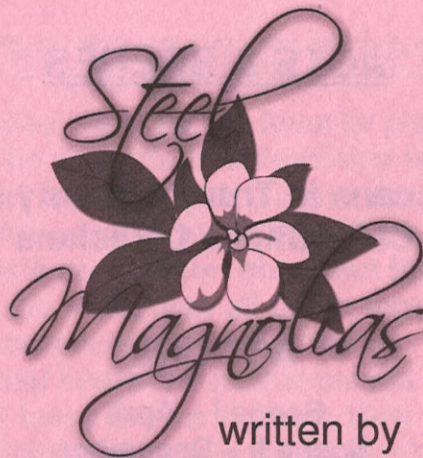
***Baseball Show* by Cynthia Mercati**

SPRING SHOW (April) Director: Danny Cox

Baseball Show is an American tale about pine tar, bleachers seats, and hometown heroes. A zealous umpire leads the audience through a lively and diverse collection of vignettes, all taking place in and around a hometown minor league baseball field. Taking the field is a collection of characters from the past and present. From the singing of the national anthem to the exciting conclusion in the ninth inning, this is a play for anyone who ever swung a bat - or thought about it.

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written by
Robert Harling

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Assistant Director.....	DANNY COX
Producers.....	TERRY CUNNINGHAM, JOE DAVIES
Set Design.....	MARK MUSCHAL
Lighting Design.....	ANGELA BAYLER
Stage Manager.....	DANNY COX

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ACTS & SCENES

The scene is Truvy's beauty shop
Chinquapin, Louisiana

ACT ONE

Scene I – April

Scene II – December

INTERMISSION – 10 minutes

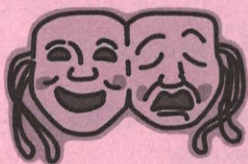
ACT TWO

Scene I – June, eighteen months later

Scene II – November



Break a leg!



John Dunn

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

"Steel Magnolias" may be the favorite play of actresses coast to coast. The personal relationships between the ladies in Truvy's salon provide us with a cross section view of our society. During the good times in their lives, they enjoy playful teasing with each other, but when they come to the rough stretch in the road, they all come together to combine their strengths and present a united force.

Each individual character in this play is modeled after somebody we all know but as a group, they form a unique and wonderful picture of people we all would like to know better.

Carl Sebens



CAST

(in order of appearance)

Truvy	MARY WILKING
Annelle.....	LAUREN TAYLOR
Ouiser.....	JODY BYERS
Clairee.....	MARTY WILLIAMS
M'Lynn.....	CARRIE FOXX
Shelby.....	CHELSEA SOUTHWOOD

PRODUCTION CREW

Costume Assistants.....*CHERYL LASKOWSKI,*
DINA FRYMAN, PENNY WILLIAMS, CAST

Hair Styles.....*CHUCK LANDRUM, SR.*

House Managers.....*LEAH BROWN, E. ANDREW CURRY*

Lighting.....*ANGELA BAYLER,*
MARK HENEGHAN, MARK MUSCHAL

Lobby Display.....*DANNY COX,*
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Props & Set Dressing.....*NANCY BLOOM,*
JOYCE RHODES, ELEANOR WOOD

Publicity.....*KATRINA WILKERSON,*
NANCY SULLIVAN

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DIRECTORS BIOS

Carl Sebens: Director



Carl has been active in theater as far back as he can remember. He isn't sure whether he prefers acting or directing. Favorite directing efforts include *The Nerd* and *The Glass Menagerie* for T7, *Steel Magnolias* for Monticello Theatre Association and *Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolfe* for Richland Players. Favorite onstage credits include Norman in *On Golden Pond*, and Matthew Harrison Brady in *Inherit the Wind*. He enjoyed assuming multiple personalities in the MTA production of *Greater Tuna*. Carl directed T7's *The Cemetery Club* last season.

Danny Cox: Assistant Director



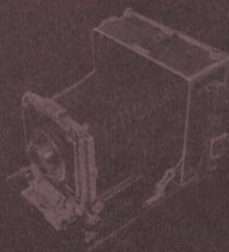
Danny has been active in T7 for over 30 years. This is his second assistant directing experience, after teaming up with Carl on *The Cemetery Club* last season. Danny will take the helm for next season's spring production on *The Baseball Show*. Danny is a 2 time Jay Jay winner for supporting acting in *The Foreigner* and *Wait Until Dark*. He was thrilled, after 20 years, to reprise his "Ellard" from *The Foreigner* last season with the Richland Department of Theatre. "Real good!"

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Jody Byers: "Ouiser"

Utility person could be Jody's title with T7. She has been onstage (most recently in the *The Cemetery Club*), back stage, board member, newsletter editor, painter, grant writer...etc. She has also directed for Niantic-Harristown and assisted in productions at Maroa-Forsyth and Macon Resources. Jody has appeared onstage for T7, Richland Players, Starlight Theatre and Rocky Mountain Repertory in Colorado. "Theatre is a great hobby... please join us... and a sincere thanks to you that prefer to watch."



Carrie Foxx: "M'lynn"

Carrie graduated from SIU, Carbondale with a BFA in Theater in 1987. Since then, she has resided in the Decatur area. For T7, she has performed in such shows as *Dracula*, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, and in the 2008 production of *The Cemetery Club*. She was an active member of the Monticello Theater Association where she had roles in *Steel Magnolias*, *Murder Room*, and *Plaza Suite*. Carrie is a former speech instructor at Richland Community College, where she was a member of the Richland Players. Her favorite role was Eliza in *Pygmalion*. "Son of a!"



Mary Wilking: "Truvy"

Mary is glad to be back on the stage... again. From *Wait Until Dark* to *You Can't Take it With You*, she has enjoyed her time on stage. When not treading the boards, she can be found working at her real job at ADM, in T7's costume shop or continuing the eternal struggle of weeds vs. man in her gardens. Well, Carrie, was it worth the wait? ... "Break a leg, Mary!"

CAST BIOS



Chelsea Southwood: "Shelby"

Ms. Southwood makes her Theatre 7 debut in this production of *Steel Magnolias*. After hearing about the auditions last minute, Chelsea was thrilled to hear she had received the part of Shelby.

Chelsea is currently working towards her B.M in Vocal Performance with a minor in Theatre from Millikin U. Having been consistently performing since age 4, some of her favorite roles include Audrey in *Little Shop of Horrors*, Kim in *Bye, Bye Birdie*, and Anne in *The Diary of Anne Frank*. She wants to thank her family and friends for their support, in spite of her sometimes crazy antics.



Lauren Taylor: "Annelle"

Lauren was home-schooled for 10 years and graduated a year early. She is new to T7 but has been acting for 5 years at the Cultural Park Community Theatre in Florida. There she learned that her favorite types of roles were the quirky ones like "Annelle." She would like to thank Carrie, Mary, Marty, Dan, Carl, Chelsea, Jody, her friends, family (especially Mom and Grandma), God, the inventor of paperback books and the creator of I-pod... "Amen"



Marty Williams: "Clairee"

Marty returns to the stage following a seven year "break." She has performed with Theatre 7 in *The Glass Menagerie*, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, plus several others, with the Richland Players in *Driving Miss Daisy*, and for the Monticello Theater Association. Her real life activities include working as a teaching assistant at French Academy and time spent with her husband, children, and grandchildren. "Welcome back, Marty!"

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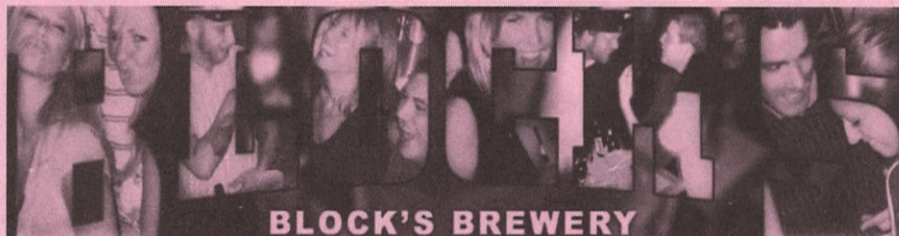
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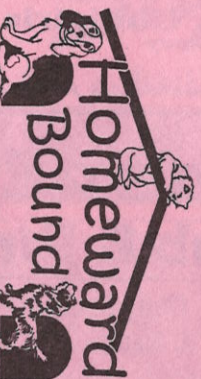
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