



Steel Magnolias **Auditions Information for 2025 Production**

AUDITIONS: Sunday, January 12 Beginning at 1:30 pm; please arrive 15 minutes prior for check in

CALLBACKS: Monday, January 13 6:30 pm, if needed
To be seriously considered, those asked to callbacks should attend.

LOCATION: Florissant Performing Arts Center at the Florissant Civic Center
#1 James J. Eagan Dr. – corner of Parker Rd. and Waterford Dr., Florissant 63033

2025 PRODUCTION DATES:

- Fridays, March 28 and April 4 and Saturday, April 5 at 7:30 pm
- Saturday, March 29 and Sunday, April 6 at 2:00 pm
- Theater Move-in is Saturday, March 22
- Tech Week begins Sunday, March 23

AUDITION DETAILS:

- All auditioners should arrive for the 1:30 pm start time, allowing at least 15 minutes prior for check in.
- Auditioners should download and complete the Audition Form and bring it to auditions with a current headshot (a selfie is acceptable).
- Prepare to read from the character sides provided for download online.
- Cold readings from the script may also be part of the audition.
- All people being considered for the cast will not necessarily be asked to callbacks.

Auditions are open to non-union actors of all races, sexes, creeds, orientations and abilities. Hawthorne Players encourages performers of diverse backgrounds and abilities to audition for our productions. Hawthorne Players is a community theatre and, as such, all roles are volunteer, unpaid positions.

Only actors available for production dates, tech week and rehearsals will be cast. Actors will be asked to help with move-in, set build and strike in some capacity.

REHEARSALS: Rehearsals will begin Monday, February 10, at North Hills UMC in Ferguson and are currently planned for Sunday afternoons from 3:00-6:00 pm and Wednesday & Thursday evenings from 7:00-10:00 pm.

SCHEDULE AND CONFLICTS: Conflicts will not necessarily eliminate you from being cast. However, excessive additional conflicts after being cast may result in a role being recast. Please do not audition if you are not available for all rehearsals during tech week and all performances.

HAWTHORNE DUES: Individuals cast are expected to become a paid member of Hawthorne Players to cover insurance, photos of show and eligibility for Hawthorne's Best Performance Awards. The cost to join Hawthorne Players is \$20 for an individual and \$30 for a family, per calendar year.

SHOW SYNOPSIS

Steel Magnolias is set in the 1980s 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, the outspoken, wise-cracking Truvy dispenses shampoos and free advice to the town's rich curmudgeon, Ouiser, 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, the play moves toward tragedy showing how the sudden realization of mortality affects the gang, but also draws on the underlying strength—and love—which gives the play, and its characters, the special quality to make them truly touching, funny and marvelously amiable company in good times and bad.

AVAILABLE ROLES

Note: Ages indicated are for the characters, not the actors. If you can play older or younger than your actual age, that's all that matters. Open ethnicity for all roles.

M'Lynn Eatenton (50-60s): The strong, supportive mother of Shelby, always holding the family together.

Shelby Eatenton-Latcherie (20-30s): M'Lynn's spirited daughter, determined to live her life fully despite her health issues.

Truvy Jones (40-50s): The warm and humorous owner of the beauty salon who believes in the healing power of a great hairstyle.

Annelle Dupuy-Desoto (20s): Truvy's shy new assistant who undergoes a major transformation throughout the play.

Clairee Belcher (60-70s): The sharp-tongued but wise widow of the former mayor, always quick with a sarcastic remark.

Ouiser Boudreaux (60-70): A tough, no-nonsense woman with a sharp wit and a softer side hidden beneath her gruff exterior.

For additional questions, please contact Hawthorne_Players@yahoo.com.