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**Lake Worth Playhouse Presents**  
**the Hilarious and Heart-Warming Steel Magnolias**

**LAKE WORTH, Florida (November 9, 2010)**

The Lake Worth Playhouse continues its 58<sup>th</sup> season with Robert Harling's bittersweet comedy, **STEEL MAGNOLIAS**. The production takes place November 19 – December 5, 2010 on the stage of the Lake Worth Playhouse located at 713 Lake Avenue in downtown Lake Worth.

In a beauty parlor in small-town Chinquapin, Louisiana, six very different women come together to share their secrets and bare their souls, throwing in a little neighborly gossip for good measure. Based on playwright Robert Harling's own experiences with his mother and sister, **STEEL MAGNOLIAS** is packed with hilarious Southern repartee (*"If you can't find anything good to say about anybody, come sit by me"*), woven throughout this heart-warming story of friendship among a close-knit group of women who are "fragile as flowers, strong as steel."

The 1987 play became an Off-Broadway hit and exploded onto the regional theatre scene before Harling was asked to adapt the hilarious and heart-warming story to a screenplay. **STEEL MAGNOLIAS** became a Hollywood blockbuster in 1989.

**LAKE WORTH PLAYHOUSE**  
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**Steel Magnolias**  
A hilarious tribute  
to the strength and devotion  
of southern women.

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## ABOUT THE PLAYWRIGHT

**Robert Harling** is an American writer and film director who was born in Louisiana in 1951. In his early career, Harling set out on a path as an aspiring actor when the death of his younger sister inspired him to write the play, **STEEL MAGNOLIAS**, which remains his most famous work to date. He went on to adapt the screenplay for the film version of the play, which was produced in 1989 and starred Shirley McLaine, Dolly Parton, Sally Field and Julia Roberts. Harling played a small role in the film as a minister. In subsequent years, Harling concentrated on working as a screenwriter. He is the author of the screenplays to the films **SOAPDISH** (1991), **THE FIRST WIVES CLUB** (1996) and **LAWS OF ATTRACTION** (2004). He also wrote and directed **THE EVENING STAR** (1996), the sequel to **TERMS OF ENDEARMENT**. He is currently in the process of writing a "dramedy" for network television entitled **DALLAS**.

## ABOUT THE PRODUCTION

The Playhouse production of **STEEL MAGNOLIAS** is directed by **Wendy Haley**, director of the highly acclaimed 2009 Playhouse production of **ALWAYS, PATSY CLINE**.

The six-member cast of **STEEL MAGNOLIAS** includes: **Patricia Storch-Goodrich** (*The Crucible, 2009*) as M'Lynn, **Megan Pollak** (*The Mousetrap, 2010*) as Annelle, **Lori Sternberg** as Truvy, **Joanne Paciello** as Clairee, **Elizabeth King** as Shelby and **Pam Syx** as Ouiser. The set is designed by award-winning designer, **Richard Green**, who is known for his spectacular sets for last season's **BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS** and **THE MOUSETRAP**.

## SCHEDULE

- **Preview Night** is Thursday, November 18 at 8:00 p.m.
- **Opening Night** is Friday, November 19 at 8:00 p.m.
- **Evening Performances** are on November 19, 20, 26, 27, December 2, 3 and 4 at 8:00 p.m.
- **Special Sunday Evening Performance** is on November 28 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Matinee Performances** are on November 20, 21, 27, 28, December 4 and 5 at 2:00 p.m.
- **Dinner & Show Night** is November 18 and includes a 6:00 p.m. pre-show dinner at Paradiso Italian Restaurant in downtown Lake Worth prior to the 8:00 p.m. performance. The all-inclusive dinner/show package price is \$50 and includes a three-course meal plus premium seats for the preview performance.
- **There is no performance on Thanksgiving day (Thursday, November 25).**

## TICKETS

- **Individual** show tickets are \$25 and \$29 for opening night and all regular performances.
- **Preview Performance** tickets are \$22 and \$25.
- **Opening Night VIP** tickets are \$36 and include a pre-show reception.
- **Dinner & Show** tickets are \$50 and include a pre-show three-course dinner.
- **Subscriptions** for Season 2010-2011 are also available.

All tickets and subscriptions can be purchased through the Lake Worth Playhouse Box Office at **561-586-6410** or online at [lakeworthplayhouse.org](http://lakeworthplayhouse.org).

## ABOUT LAKE WORTH PLAYHOUSE

Lake Worth Playhouse is a non-profit community theatre with a diverse array of offerings, including award-winning dramas, comedies, musicals, area premieres, Broadway favorites, children's shows,

ballets and operas on film, live concerts, improv comedy and alternative programming. In addition to its main stage theatrical fare, the Playhouse presents year-round independent and foreign films in the Stonzek Theatre, an intimate black-box style theatre equipped with a large viewing screen and high-definition projection. The Playhouse is proud to offer a variety of educational programs for adults and children, as well as community outreach initiatives that bring cultural programs into the neighborhoods of underserved youth and also make theatre available free of charge for disadvantaged citizens in the community.

The Lake Worth Playhouse 58th season continues with **Dirty Rotten Scoundrels** (January 21 – February 6, 2011), **Biloxi Blues** (March 4-20, 2011) and **Annie** (April 15 – May 1).

#### **LOCATION**

Lake Worth Playhouse is located at 713 Lake Avenue in Downtown Lake Worth. It is situated on the south side of Lake Avenue two blocks east of Dixie Highway. Free, well-lighted parking is available on Lake Avenue and surrounding side streets, with free parking lots located behind the Playhouse.

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