

Toowoomba Repertory Theatre
proudly presents:

Steel Magnolias

by Robert Harling

AUDITIONS

3 February 2018

2.00 pm at the Rep Theatre

Directed by: Mike Taylor

Performance dates: 28, 30 April, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 May 2018

Location: Toowoomba Repertory Theatre
94 Margaret Street

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Instructions for Audition:

What we are looking for in these auditions are actors with good fundamentals i.e. good diction, good voice projection and the ability to learn a part and be a reliable team member.

Please do not be concerned if you apparently do not fully meet the physical or age expectations of the characters as listed. Getting good people is the main priority, and we can often make minor adjustments in the play to accommodate any such variations.

Please read and practice the attached extracts from the play ready to perform at the audition. You may bring another audition piece as well if you so desire.

If you are new to the stage and all this sounds a bit daunting - don't worry, everyone feels that way no matter how experienced they are. We would definitely like you to come even if you have no experience. Many people have come to our auditions, started from scratch, and gone on to be very successful.

On the same point, we do five productions per year and we would like to see you there even if you are clearly not suited to these particular roles. That way we can meet you and see if you may fit into any of our forthcoming plays.

Synopsis:

Truvy Jones runs a successful beauty salon in Chinquapin, Louisiana, where all the ladies in the neighborhood have a standing Saturday appointment. Along with her anxious and eager assistant, Annelle, Truvy styles the hair of many of the women about town: wealthy widow and former first lady of Chinquapin, Clairee Belcher, local curmudgeon Ouiser Boudreaux ("I'm not crazy, I've just been in a bad mood for forty years"), intelligent and compassionate career woman M'Lynn, and her daughter Shelby, the prettiest girl in town. Shelby's engagement is the talk of the town, but the joy and excitement of her wedding quickly turn to concern as she faces a risky pregnancy and a myriad of health complications. Eventually, when Shelby dies from complications related to her diabetes, M'Lynn has to deal with the most difficult of life's challenges: the loss of one's only child. As the women of Chinquapin make their ways over life's many hurdles together, they find comfort (and a fair amount of verbal ribbing) in one another. "You have no idea how wonderful you are," M'Lynn tells the ladies at the end of the play. Truvy responds, with a smile, "Of course we do."

Characters:

- **Truvy** – Middle aged, owner of the beauty shop
- **Annelle** – Young, beauty shop assistant
- **Clairee** – Widow of former mayor, grande dame (Note this part has been cast)
- **Shelby** – 20s, prettiest girl in town
- **M'Lynn** – Middle aged, Shelby's mother, socially prominent career woman
- **Ouiser** – Wealthy curmudgeon, acerbic but lovable. (Note this part has been cast)

The action of the play takes place in Truvy's beauty shop.

Personal Details:
(Please bring with you on the day of the audition)

Name

Address

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Contact details:

Phone Email

For those who are new to Rep, please summarise your acting experience:
(attach information if necessary)

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If you are not cast for a part, could you please let us know if you are willing to help back stage on this production? We may have positions available for assistant stage manager, prompt, stage crew and lighting and sound operators. For these positions, no experience is necessary as we will provide all the training required.

Rehearsals are planned to commence in March. The schedule will be established depending on the availability of the cast members. Please list below if you have any commitments that could affect the rehearsal schedule.

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