



Civic Light Opera of South Bay Cities and Executive Producer James A. Blackman III announce the play ***Steel Magnolias*** by Robert Harling at the Hermosa Beach Playhouse January 15-January 27 directed by Stephanie Coltrin. This will be the third play of the 2007/2008 Season . .

This drama/comedy was an an immediate Off Broadway hit in 1987, followed by an all- star award winning film in 1989 featuring Dolly Parton, Olympia Dukakis, Shirley MacLaine, Sally Field, Julia Roberts and Daryl Hannah. The Hermosa Beach Playhouse cast includes Lois Bourgeon as Clairee, Sara Borgeson as Truvy, Carolyn Cannon as Annelle, Kimberly Patterson as M'Lynn and Meredith Rensa as Shelby. All the action for the play takes place solely on one set - Truvy's beauty salon in which is part of her house.

Steel Magnolias is a chronicle of a small circle of friends and a bond among women in northwest Louisiana -it has been called alternately hilarious and touching and in the end deeply revealing of the strength and purposefulness which underlies the antic banter of its characters. **The title refers to those seemingly frail Southern belles who survive any and all deprivations through whims of iron!**

[CBS](#) commissioned a television pilot in 1990 in hopes of continuing the story as a weekly half-hour sitcom. The story picked up where the film left off, and therefore the character of Shelby was not included in the show. The cast featured [Cindy Williams](#) as M'Lynn, [Sally Kirkland](#) as Truvy, [Elaine Stritch](#) as Ouiser, [Polly Bergen](#) as Clairee, and [Sheila McCarthy](#) as Annelle. [CBS](#) declined to pick up the series for the 1990 fall season, although the pilot was broadcast on August 17, 1990.

Calendar

Steel Magnolias

by Robert Harling

Executive Producer James A. Blackman III

Director/Associate Producer - Stephanie Coltrin

Set Designer/Associate Producer- Christopher Beyries

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Hermosa Beach Playhouse: located at the corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Pier Ave.

Complimentary Valet Parking

Tickets are \$35, \$40, \$45

Schedule: Previews January 15, 16, 17

Opens Friday, January 18 - January 27

Tues. Wed. Thurs, Fri, Sat. at 8 pm

Sunday Matinee at 2 pm

Special added performance on

Sun. January 27 at 7 pm

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