

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR  
MCKINNEY SUMMER MUSICALS'  
*STEEL MAGNOLIAS*

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Tickets are now on sale at [www.mckinneysummermusicals.com](http://www.mckinneysummermusicals.com) for McKinney Summer Musicals' production of *Steel Magnolias*, written by Robert Harling. Performances will take place at McKinney's Church Street Auditorium at 7:00pm on February 9 and 10 and 2:00pm on February 11 and 12. General admission tickets are \$25 per person.

*Steel Magnolias* is set 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 (who is not sure whether or not she is still married), the outspoken, wise-cracking Truvy dispenses shampoos and free advice to the town's rich curmudgeon, Ouiser, ("I'm not crazy, I've just been in a bad mood for forty years"); 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 and not a few acerbic but humorously revealing verbal collisions, the play moves toward tragedy when, in the second act, the spunky Shelby (who is a diabetic) risks pregnancy and forfeits her life. The sudden realization of their mortality affects the others, but also draws on the underlying strength – and love –

which give the play, and its characters, the special quality to make them truly touching, funny, and marvelously amiable company in good times and bad.

*Steel Magnolias* is presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Services, Inc., New York.