

Steel Magnolias blossoms at Mississippi College

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The Mississippi College Tribal Players will showcase the stage version of *Steel Magnolias* on the Clinton campus. Productions run from February 14-17 at Swor Auditorium.

Louisiana native Robert Harling penned the Southern tragic comedy in 1987 just months after his younger sister, Susan, died of complications from diabetes.

Written in tribute to his sister, his mother and the women supporting them, Harling's work captures the essence of Southern culture.

This winter, Mississippi College students are busy rehearsing as they bring *Steel Magnolias* to campus. Communication professor Phyllis Seawright serves as the play's director.

"Being part of *Steel Magnolias* is an absolute dream," says MC senior Lexey Monceaux, who plays the role of Annelle Dupuy-DeSoto. "She's a little silly, a little funny and displays a whole lot of passion."

Harling's play, said the Clanton, Alabama, resident, "really embodies the culture of Southern women in a way that touches the heart like no other."

MC junior Sarah Gremillion is honored to portray Clairee Belcher, the



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Pictured (l to r) are *Steel Magnolias* cast members, seated: Carley Claudio, Madeline Osigian and Sarah Gremillion; and standing: Lexey Monceaux, Kat Tate and Emmie Fuson.

former first lady of Chinquapin. "Clairee is a dashing former first lady whose biting wit charms and honors those around her. Clairee's love for sweets, football and bits of gossip humanize her."

Another Louisiana native, Emmie Fusion of Baton Rouge, is delighted to be cast as Truvy Jones. Playing Truvy, says the public relations major and MC junior "taught me to be bold in kindness, laugh through the tears, and always look at the bright side of things."

Magnolia State audiences will discover a half-dozen main characters played by Mississippi College women shine throughout *Steel Magnolias*.

Two Texans join the cast. A senior mass media major from Dallas, Kat Tate plays M'Lynn Eatenton. Tate is a theater minor taking part in her final show at Swor Auditorium.

An English writing major from Coppell, Texas, MC junior Madeline Osigian assumes the role of Shelby

Eatenton-Latcherie. Shelby is a diabetic who's constantly helping people. She donates clothes and a radio, among other things. "She's a sassy but sweet daughter who works hard for her family."

A native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (who now lives in Ridgeland), MC senior Carley Claudio plays the loud, proud and sharp-tongued Ouiser Boudreaux.

"Ouiser is a tough Southern belle ready to cut you to ribbons with her eyes alone."

A biological sciences major constantly hitting the books, Carley Claudio says starring in *Steel Magnolias* may be the most fun she's experienced in three years at Mississippi College.

Tickets are now on sale for the Communication Department production. Tickets cost \$7 for students, MC employees and senior adults. The price is \$10 for general admission. The cost is \$4 per ticket for groups of twenty or more.

Show times are 7 p.m. February 14-16. The final show is set for 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 17. For additional information, contact Phyllis Seawright at 601-925-3453.

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