



St. John Theatre  
PRESENTS

*Steel*

# MAGNOLIAS

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*Written By: Robert Harling*

*"There's No Such Thing As Natural Beauty"*



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## 2024 ST. JOHN THEATRE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- APRIL 5 - THOMAS HALL CONCERT
- MAY 28 - JUNE 8 - CHILDREN'S SUMMER WORKSHOP " FINDING NEMO KIDS"
- JULY 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20 - SISTER ACT
- JULY 22 - JULY 27 MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE WORKSHOP " THE SLEEPING BEAUTY"
- AUGUST 3 - ST. JOHN PARISH SUGAR QUEEN PAGEANT
- SEPTEMBER 7 - MOTHERSHIP
- OCTOBER 5 - ALREADY GONE
- DECEMBER 7 - IMAGE

**WARNING THIS SHOW CONTAINS OCCASIONAL SIMULATED GUN FIRE.**

# CAST LIST

Truvy .....	Laura Smith
Annelle.....	Sara Brooks
Clairree.....	Connie Powell
Shelby .....	Lauren Michel
M'lynn .....	Cindy Grosse
Ouiser .....	Janell Napier

# STAFF

Director .....	Danielle Ordoyne
Stage Manager .....	Jamie Yarbrough
Set Design .....	Sterling Snowdy, Danielle Ordoyne
Sound Design/Operator .....	Blake Selman
Lighting Design/Operator .....	Sterling Snowdy
Master Carpenter .....	Matt Keller
Construction Crew .....	Michael Michel, Michael Grosse,
Timothy Cumming Sr., Geoffery Michel, David Mire Jr., Tyce Wombles, Amy Wombles,	Connie Powell, Laura Smith, Cindy Grosse, David Southwich, Frank Roth VI,
Kameron Keller, Timothy Boesen, Herman Toups, Mike Brooks	
Scenic Painter .....	Amanda Songy
Paint Crew .....	Chris Fernandez, Sterling Snowdy
Stage Crew .....	Brody LeBlanc
Sound Effects .....	Blake Selman, Jamie Yarbrough
Cast Photos .....	Maggie Powell

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# CAST BIOS



Laura Smith (Truvy) Hailing from Knoxville, TN., Laura is making her premier at SJT. After many years of being a “back-stage” mom, she has been lured out from behind the curtains by the charm and wit of the characters and story of Steel Magnolias. She is thrilled to be taking on the character of Truvy and hopes y’all enjoy the show. Laura would like to thank Danielle Ordoyne and the St. John Theatre for this opportunity!



Sara Brooks (Annelle) began her show stealing rampage at the age of 4. Her first film role was that of young Bonnie in Bonnie & Clyde. Sara is the co-founder and driving force behind the rock band PD(A). Trained in classical piano by her mom, she has also picked up the ukulele, the bass, and the ability to put one heck of a beating on any drum set. A graduate of acting from NOCCA, she now lurks the halls of UNO following in her dad’s footsteps as a film major. She has already taken her ideas from script to screen with her macabre sense of humor. She is required by contract to tell everyone that her dad is the best dad in the world.



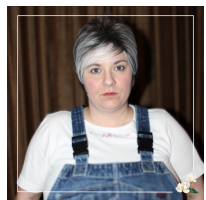
Connie Powell (Clairee) this is Connie’s first role at SJT since she was a cast member and stage manager for several SCC stagehands productions. Although she has not been seen on stage since “Jesus was born”, she has been quite active behind the scenes in supporting the stage endeavors of her three amazing daughters Maggie, Allie, and Erin. She has thoroughly enjoyed working on this production and gets a kick out of playing the former first lady of a Chinquapin. Although a bit anxious to audition for the production, she was encouraged by her fiancé Tim to do so and waited until the cast was announced to share the news with her friends and family. She is humbled by the support of family, friends, and colleagues while preparing for this production. Connie hopes that you will sit back, enjoy being transported back in time to our lovely Louisiana town, and enjoy a few laughs.



Lauren Michel (Shelby) After almost two decades, Lauren has returned to the stage in her favorite role ever – Shelby! Lauren was last seen at SJT in the ensemble of Oklahoma, and hasn’t acted since, although she is quite animated on the sidelines of every one of her 11-year-old daughter Adeline’s sports competitions. Lauren hopes the audience loves this show as much as she loves St. John Parish – which is a lot. She would like to thank her family for putting up with her flair for the dramatic, her friends for being her biggest fans, and Adeline for being a constant source of love and motivation.



Cindy Grosse (M'Lynn) returns to the SJT stage for the first time in 11 years where she is excited to portray the role of M'Lynn Eatonton. Her previous roles at SJT include Mrs. Mayor in Seussical the Musical and Ensemble in The Producers. In her spare time, Cindy enjoys singing with the St Joan of Arc Chancel Choir where she has been a member for over 30 years, and in recent years she has joined the St. Louis Cathedral Concert Choir. She hopes that the audience enjoys this portrayal of small town southern life as much as she has enjoyed being a part of it. Cindy would like to thank her husband Mike for his constant support and for helping to build the set for the show. She would also like to thank her daughter Sarah for encouraging her to audition and for lending her expertise in preparing for the audition.



Janell Napier (Ousier) is excited to make her debut at SJT as Ousier Boudreaux, her favorite character. She has performed in other companies such as Thibodaux Playhouse, le Petite Theatre de Terrebonne, Disney World, and received a theatre degree at NSU in Natchitoches, LA where Steel Magnolias was filmed. She is also a member of the 3 Ells Club in St. James Parish, a nonprofit that helps with fundraising for local families and other nonprofits. Janell would like to thank all her family and friends for their never-ending love and support. Her performance is dedicated to the memory of Aunt Myrt, who began Janell’s love of theatre inside this very building by taking her to see her first play.