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TQ News

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Q & A

A few words with director, Julie Rigby...

TQ: Why did you bring *Steel Magnolias* to Theatre Quadra?

JR: I was very fond of the movie and imagined how wonderfully the original play would translate on our stage, especially with all the strong, dynamic women on Quadra.

TQ: Who is the play aimed at?

JR: Everyone! (but the themes are somewhat "grown up", so kiddies might not be as entranced.) The play is hilarious, emotional and totally entertaining. At its heart, it's about being there for each other, through thick and thin, always ready for your friends and neighbours. That's what Quadra is all about!

TQ: So we'll all relate to the story?

JR: Absolutely. It's based in small town, like our island community, and populated with colourful characters — there's lots of common ground. As an added bonus for me, it's set in a beauty salon... which I happen to be quite familiar with!

TQ: What motivates you to take this on?

JR: I'm insane! No, no... this is an exciting, energizing and creative opportunity. Sure, it's a lot of work, but it's going to be so rewarding to collaborate with our talented cast. Together we'll discover the real characters—not caricatures!—and bring them vividly to life. The ladies you'll see on stage will be authentic, vulnerable, believable and utterly entertaining!

Steel Magnolias

Our Magnolias will Bloom on...

May 2nd, 3rd and 4th at the QCC

Revolving around Truvy's Beauty Parlor, *Steel Magnolias* is the story of six memorable ladies who are as delicate as magnolias, but as tough as steel! These wonderful women are amusing, moving and richly human, always there for each other through life's triumphs and tragedies.

Steel Magnolias opened Off-Broadway on March 28, 1987

Movie Trivia: *Steel Magnolias* (1989)

- Among the six actresses (Sally Field, Dolly Parton, Shirley MacLaine, Daryl Hannah, Olympia Dukakis, Julia Roberts) are twelve Academy Award nominees and five winners.
- After a poor take during filming, director Herbert Ross reprimanded Dolly Parton and asked her if she could act. She replied "No, but it's your job to make me look like I can!"
- Robert Harling, who wrote the play *Steel Magnolias* in honor of his sister, plays the pastor in the movie.

Meet the Magnolias...

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LORI LEWIS is TRUVY JONES
Owner of the beauty shop.



KELSEA STEVENSON is ANNELLE DUPUY-DESOTO
Beauty shop assistant.



LINDA CANNON is CLAIREE BELCHER
Widow of former mayor. Grande dame.



SONYA BINGHAM is SHELBY EATENTON-LATCHERIE
Prettiest girl in town.



KAREN HOLMES is M'LYNN EATENTON
Shelby's mother. Socially prominent.



NANCY ESSIG is OUISER "Weezer" BOUDREAUX
Wealthy curmudgeon. Acerbic but loveable.

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