

Santa Clara Players

present



Steel Magnolias

by Robert Harling

Production Staff

Producer Jim Narveson
Director Angie Higgins
Assistant Director Jason Salazar
Stage Manager Michael Antonucci
Set Design Jim Narveson
Lighting Design George Doeltz
Sound Design Jason Salazar
Props Marian Narveson, Angie Higgins, the Cast
Costumes Amy Conners
Photography Jason Salazar
Set Construction Gary Moitozo, Jim Narveson, Jim Quinlan
Set Decoration Jim Narveson, Marian Narveson
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Production Flyer and Program Lissa Ferreira Dunham, George Doeltz
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Cast of Characters

Truvy Lissa Ferreira Dunham
Annelle Magdalen R. Ricca
Clairee Sheila Ellam
Shelby. Robyn Hannah
M'Lynn. Daphne Nayar
Ouiser. Sandi Wolfe
DJ Voice-over. Tom Shamrell

Place: Chinquapin, Louisiana

Act I, Sc 1: April
Act I, Sc 2: December

Act II, Sc 1: June, eighteen months later
Act II, Sc 2: November

There will be one fifteen minute intermission after Act I. During the intermission you are invited to the lobby for refreshments as the guest of the Santa Clara Players. If you must smoke, please do so off the wooden deck.

The Cast

Sheila Ellam (Clairee) - Sheila has appeared in various roles in both Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties. Favorite roles include Bobbi in *Last Of The Red Hot Lovers* and Toni in *Cactus Flower*. She enjoyed playing the dual roles of Mrs. Stahlbaum and Mother Ginger in San Jose Youth Ballet's *The Nutcracker* in 2004-2006. Sheila majored in Theatre Arts at San Jose State University. She has trained with Alan Arkin, Mary Mackey and continues her studies with Billie Shepard at San Jose Repertory Theatre.

Lissa Ferreira Dunham (Truvy) - Lissa is also a teacher, director, and choreographer and is currently directing *The Tempest* for Midnight Shakespeare, and teaches Acting and Hip Hop at DanceSynergy in Aptos. Favorite past roles include Dorine in *Tartuffe*, Fanny in *On the Verge*, and Rita in *Educating Rita*. She directed *Don't Dress for Dinner* for SCP last season and is a recipient of a Dean Goodman Choice Award for Choreography (1776). She earned her MFA from UC Davis (Drama) and a BA from Chico State (Theater & Recreation). She is married to a wonderful hippie cowboy.

Robyn Hannah (Shelby) - Robyn is excited to be returning to the stage in her first show with The Santa Clara Players. She received her BA in Theatre Arts from SJSU, where she appeared as Ann Putnam in *The Crucible* and as Lena in *Leonce and Lena*. Robyn has appeared in various video and film projects, including Awkward Pictures *The Long Walk Home*. During the day she works in Marketing Communications for YouSendIt. Robyn thanks the Lord for the blessing of supportive family and friends, Ang and Jas for their patience, and Mr. S.W.M. for his "inspiration".

Magdalen Ricca (Annelle) - Magdalen "Rosie" is a recent graduate of SJSU with a BA in Psychology and Theatre Arts. You may have seen her this summer in Shady Shakespeare's *Macbeth* as the Gentlewoman. She has performed at SJSU in *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* as Nurse Ratched, the *Bacchae* as a Bacchant Reveler and was Poppy in *Noises Off* at Cabrillo College. Rosie is so excited to join Santa Clara Players for this production. This performance is dedicated to her mom.

Daphne Nayar (M'Lynn) - Daphne attended drama school at Middlesex University in London many years ago. She then went on to play such diverse roles as Juliet in *Romeo and Juliet*, Rosita in *Donna Rosita*, Susan/Veronica in *Veronica's Room* and Hennie in *Awake and Sing* in Repertory Theatres all over Great Britain. She is very happy to return to her first love, the theater, here at the Santa Clara Players after an acting hiatus of three years. A very big thank-you to this ensemble cast of wonderful women as well as to our director Angie and her assistant director Jason for including me in this lovely production.

Sandi Wolfe (Ouiser) - This is Sandi's second production with Santa Clara Players. She received the 2006 Best Actress award for her portrayal of Hattie in *The Little Theater's Production of Hamlet*. She has also appeared in many productions for the Napa Valley College theater department. Highlights include Miss Minchen in *The Little Princess*, Grace in *Bus Stop* and Mrs. Beaver in *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*. Sandi and her partner own and operate Visage Grand Salon in San Jose. She thanks everyone at SCP for the opportunity to work with this amazing cast and April and Renee for love and support.

Angie Higgins (Director) - Previously at SCP, Angie directed *Let's Murder Marsha*, played Jill and Lisa in *The Heidi Chronicles* and Jacqueline in *Don't Dress for Dinner* (SCP Best Actress 2007). With The Pigeon Players Theatre Company, Angie has directed *THUGS*, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, *The Role of Della*, & *Variation on the Death of Trotsky*. Her production of *The Taming of the Shrew* for Shady Shakespeare, was recognized as one of the South Bay's stand out classical shows last season in Wave Magazine. During the day she utilizes her MA in Theatre Arts Education (SJSU) teaching Drama and Dance and directing children's plays. She'd like to thank Jason and her wonderful cast for putting their heart and soul into this production, her Mom for being a "Steel Magnolia", and Tom for making her believe that life is beautiful.

Jason Salazar (Assistant Director) - Jason is happy to be working behind the scenes with Angie for the first time at SCP. In the past two seasons, you may have seen him on stage with Angie, playing Robert in *Don't Dress for Dinner* or being directed by Angie when he played

Virgil in *Let's Murder Marsha*. He holds a BA in Film/Theatre from SJSU, where he directed the main stage production of *This is Our Youth*. In addition to directing numerous short length and feature films, last season he also directed *Sure Thing* for The Pigeon Players. He would like to thank his beautiful wife and daughter for all of their love and support!

Amy Conners (Costumer) - Amy has been costuming in the Bay Area since 1998. She started at Big Lil's Cabaret, when the head costume designer moved. Leaving her no choice but to learn how to sew, Amy took a class and fell in love with design. Amy graduated from San Jose State University in 1994. She bought Big Lil's Cabaret in 1997, and continued to perform and design there for 10 years. Amy continues to act and costume in the Bay Area. You may have seen her here at SCP in last season's *Don't Dress for Dinner*. A special thanks to the audience for supporting live theater.

About the Players

The *Santa Clara Players* is a non-profit community theater group dedicated to wholesome entertainment. We provide an opportunity for anyone with dramatic or stagecraft aspirations to work with experienced directors and producers. We provide high quality, family theater for the enjoyment of the citizens of Santa Clara and the surrounding areas.

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