

Friendships bring tears and laughter

Steel Magnolias tugs at heart strings

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Girls, if you are looking for a good place to take your date, this is not it, I tried. If you are looking for something with action, this is not it. However, if you are looking for an emotional experience, than this is your ticket. Robert Harling's *Steel Magnolias* is a humorous and heartwarming story of friendship and love among six small-town women.

The entire play takes place in Truvy's (Cheryl Draney) salon where the women talk of town gossip and the wedding of Shelby Eatenton-Latcherie, played by Amy Schnell. Throughout the different scenes, the audience watches as different characters develop in friendship and hardship.

The play starts with Shelby having her hair done for her wedding. Right away the cast introduces comedy with Shelby's mother, M'lynn Eatenton, played by Yvonne Ingram, entering the stage with typical mother-daughter squabbles. Each of them throws funny sarcastic remarks with the help of the rest of the cast.

Perhaps the funniest character of all is the colorful Ouiser, played by Christine Quinlan. Ouiser is an old shrewd lady who has been in a "bad mood for the last forty years"

and she lets everyone know it. After Shelby's wedding, the story turns to wintertime and she announces her pregnancy to her small-town friends - all of who are happy with the exception of her mother. Shelby has a medical condition that puts her in harms way if she has children, but Shelby wants nothing more than to have kids, and what Shelby wants, Shelby gets.

Ingram does a wonderful job showing a mother's worries and fears, and creates an emotional scene in the ending that brings some to tears.

Though the laughter rolls with humorous snide remarks, characters also broaden their roles and heartache starts to take its toll. To say what happens next would be cheating you of a chance to see a well-known play such as *Steel Magnolias*.

The admission is \$4.00 for students, \$7.00 for non-students and senior citizens are free. You can see *Steel Magnolias* May 31-June 2 at 8 p.m. and June 3, at 2:30 p.m. in the McLoughlin Hall Theatre.

You may also see them on tour July 13-14, at 8 p.m. and July 15, at 2 p.m. at The River Theater, 230 W Marine Drive (under the big bridge) in Astoria. For more information call 503-657-6958, extension 2333 or call The River Theater at 503-325-7487.

Think Ink, Winning Words of writers

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Nine writers received awards in the 2001 Writer's Club Contest.

Elizabeth Miles, S. Myron Wright and Sarina Dorie won prizes for their works of fiction.

Poetry awards were given to Jack Chitty, Tom Hogan and B.J. Anderson.

For Creative Nonfiction, awards were given to Denise Browning and Bonita M. Richardson. S. Myron Wright and Donna Reitan won the drama awards.

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Tom Hogan reads *Montana Return*, his prize-winning poem, at the awards presentation. Allen Widerburg, right, presented the awards.

Horoscopes

by Maggie Jirasek

Aries: Your workaholic tendencies are very obvious this week. You might feel slightly tired and stressed out. Put money in the parking meters to avoid tickets. Your magic song of the week: *Billy Jean* by Michael Jackson.

Taurus: You will be enlightened by an upcoming trip. Listen to those who know what they are talking about. To avoid sunburn use sunscreen. Your magic song of the week: *Good Day Sunshine* by the Beatles.

Gemini: You have the special talent to solve other people's problems this week. Unfinished business needs to be completed. Love will present itself through social activities you participate in. Your magic song of the week: *Bulls on Parade* by Rage Against the Machine.

Cancer: Your temper will flare up when dealing with children. It's time to go on a little vacation. Empty your garbage regularly to avoid fruit flies. Your magic song of the week: *Thank God I'm a Country Boy* by John Denver.

Leo: You will be accident prone if you take action without thinking first. For best results, try to be introspective. Don't eat raw fish, it might make you sick. Your magic song of the week: *To Live and Die in LA* by Tu Pac.

Virgo: Satisfy your passionate mood. Your high energy will enable you to accomplish more than your mates. You might consider cleaning out your fridge. Your magic song of the week: *Can't Get Enough of your Love Baby* by Barry White.

Libra: Family members will be very unreasonable this week. Ignore them! It's time to go shopping and bring some fresh, enhancing colors to your closet. Your magic song of the week: *Mother* by Pink Floyd.

Scorpio: You can easily impress others with your generous nature. Competitive games will be your forte. You have the tendency to run red lights this week. Watch out! Your magic song of the week: *Joyride* by Roxette.

Sagittarius: You will enjoy trips that will enhance your knowledge. Attend more social events to avoid boredom. Your car might need a tune-up. Your magic song of the week: *The last Unicorn* by America.

Capricorn: Sudden good fortune can be yours if you take a chance. Be secretive about your personal life. You don't want strangers to know everything about you. Your magic song of the week: *Benny and the Jets* by Elton John.

Aquarius: Take special care of your luggage if you are traveling. Pickpockets are attracted to you this week. You might find yourself in a romantic situation. Your magic song of the week: *Bullet with Butterfly Wings* by the Smashing Pumpkins.

Pisces: Don't hesitate to ask someone for a favor. A situation might get out of hand. You will receive a nice gift from an old friend if you happen to be at the right place at the right time. Your magic song of the week: *Friends in Low Places* by Garth Brooks.

One-Act Plays

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