

THE TOWN THEATRE

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CELEBRATING A SECOND CENTURY OF COMMUNITY THEATRE

February 2025

Town's 105th season is supported by:



Prepare to laugh, cry, and feel every emotion in between as *Steel Magnolias* graces the stage at Town Theatre! This beloved Southern classic invites you into Truvy's beauty salon, where a group of strong, witty, and endearing women share their lives, laughter and love.

With heartfelt performances and sharp humor, this production celebrates the bonds of friendship, the resilience of the human spirit, and the power of community. Whether you're a longtime fan or new to this iconic story, *Steel Magnolias* promises an unforgettable experience at the theatre.

Town's bunch of magnolias includes Town newcomer Syhaya Smith as Truvy, the vivacious and big-hearted owner of the beauty salon, always ready with a wisecrack and a can of hairspray. Emily Clelland (*The Red Velvet Cake War, Hello, Dolly!*) takes on the role of Annelle, Truvy's shy and quirky assistant. Gayle Stewart (*Nice Work If You Can Get It*) plays the wealthy, witty widow, Clairee. Kathy Hartzog (*Always, Patsy Cline, Driving Miss Daisy*) charges in as Ousier, the salon's curmudgeon who barks louder than she bites. Debra Kiser, returning to the Town stage after last being seen in *Kiss Me, Kate* in 1979, brings strength as M'Lynn. Zanna Mills (*The Play That Goes Wrong, Bright Star*) portrays her daughter, Shelby. Each flower in Town's bouquet brings unique charm and strength to the stage, creating a tapestry of love, laughter and resilience.



By Robert Harling

STEEL MAGNOLIAS is presented by special arrangement with Broadway Licensing, LLC, servicing the Dramatists Play Service collection. www.dramatists.com

Director
Allison McNeely

At the show's helm is veteran director, Allison McNeely. The fantastic looks of the time are being created by costumer, Dell Goodrich. Jodie Harris provides wig and hair design and Kerry Ayer McGregor stage manages. Town's technical team is at it again with Bob Bramhall on set design. Jeremy Hansard leads the set build and light design, with Clark Wilson assisting on construction and sound. David LaTorre also assists with set construction and serves as props master.

Steel Magnolias February 7-16, 2025						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					Feb. 7 7:30 PM	8 7:30 PM
9 3:00 PM				13 7:30 PM	14 7:30 PM	15 3/7:30PM
16 3:00 PM						

STEEL MAGNOLIAS IS SPONSORED BY



THURSDAYS/FRIDAYS/SATURDAYS AT 7:30 PM

SATURDAY FEB. 15 3:00 PM & 7:30 PM

SUNDAYS AT 3:00 PM

~ CASH TICKET PRICES ~

* Adults ~ \$25 * Senior over 65/Active Military/College ~ \$20 *

* Youth (17 and under) ~ \$15 *

LET'S STAY IN TOUCH!

• Town Theatre • 1012 Sumter Street • Columbia, SC 29201 •
• Box Office: 803-799-2510 • towntheatre.com •

Since you've been gone...

This winter, Town Theatre has been turning up the heat with a sizzling new facelift! As part of our centennial celebration, we embarked on a transformative three-phase renovation project designed to honor our history while paving the way for an even brighter future.

A Look Back and Ahead

The first phase saw the lower space revitalized and the creation of the Will Moreau Youth Theatre Wing, a vibrant new area for performers of all ages! Upstairs, dressing areas and the greenroom were reimagined into more functional spaces. Now, our latest updates bring these efforts full circle, delivering enhancements that elevate the experience for patrons, performers, and volunteers alike – all while preserving the unique charm that makes Town Theatre so special.

A Heartfelt Thanks

Our deepest gratitude goes to Hood Construction and the dedicated subcontractors who worked tirelessly within the tight constraints of a theatre schedule (we know those timelines are no small feat!). And to our incredible supporters – your donations and unwavering belief in this project have made these renovations a reality. Together, we've ensured that Town Theatre will continue to shine for generations to come.

Be the First to Experience the Magic

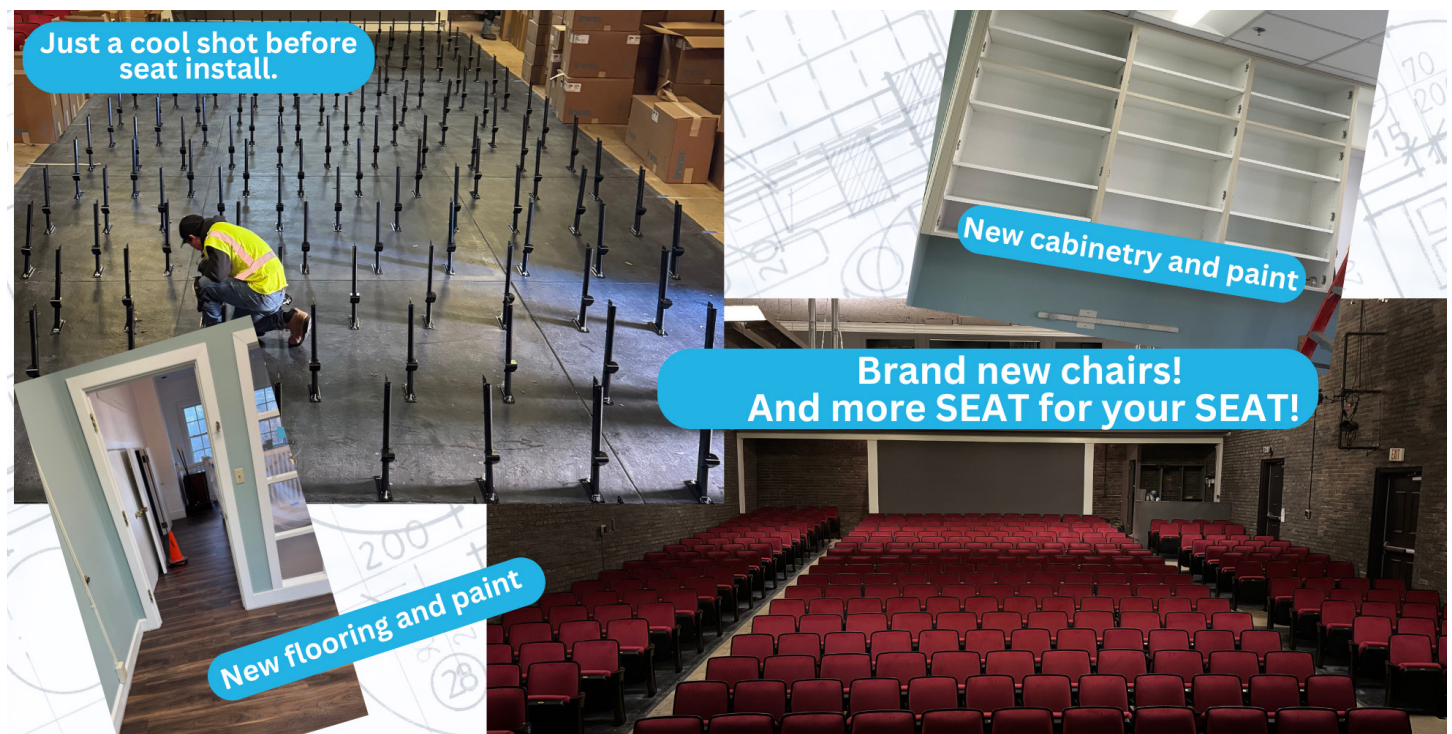
Audiences for Steel Magnolias will be the very first to enjoy the stunning new front-of-house renovations. Don't miss your chance to see the work firsthand and celebrate this milestone in Town Theatre's history.

Join the Excitement

Want to be part of this incredible journey? Your tax-deductible contribution can help sustain and grow the legacy of our beloved Town Theatre. Follow the QR code or visit towntheatre.com. Donate today and be a part of the magic!



Here are a few photos showcasing the progress – we can't wait to see you at the theatre!





TICKET RESERVATION DATES

Steel Magnolias

Priority members (Patrons and above):
Tuesday, January 21

Other members: **Thursday, January 23**

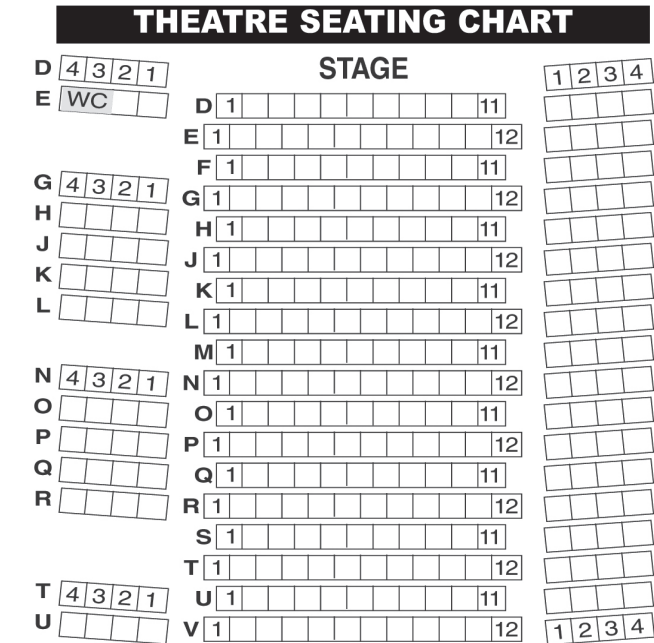
Public: **Tuesday, January 28**

Member ticketing links are sent at 12 noon on your appointed reservation day.

Helpful Hints

- Reservation policies are located at towntheatre.com. **We do not issue refunds.** For possible exchanges, visit our website or give us a call!
- We have two phone lines with generally lighter traffic in the later afternoon.
- Messages are checked and calls are returned as quickly as possible. If you get our voice mail, leave a message. One message will suffice.
- Add town@towntheatre.com to your address book or Safe Senders list.
- Check your Spam, Junk or Promotions tabs for our emails.

THEATRE SEATING CHART



BOX OFFICE HOURS

Beginning Tuesday, January 21
Tuesday to Friday ~
12:00 noon to 5:00 PM

Beginning Friday, February 7
Tuesday to Friday ~
12:00 noon to 5:00 PM

PLUS ADDED HOURS:
Weekdays extend to curtain on show days.
Saturdays/Sundays:
two hours before curtain


REVIEW YOUR ORDER

Details	Amount
<i>Steel Magnolias</i> Friday, February 7	
✘ Adult / CTR-V1 / Standard-Adult	\$ 0.00
✘ Adult / CTR-V2 / Standard-Adult	\$ 0.00
Subtotal:	\$ 0.00
Order Fees:	\$ 0.00
Total:	\$ 0.00

Passes:
Pass: D. 2016-2017 Sustainer
Code: YOURCODE Tickets remaining: (15/20)

Credit Card Number MONTH YEAR CVV

Your Total
\$ 0.00



*The BUY TICKETS link at towntheatre.com ONLY FUNCTIONS once tickets are available to the general public.

***Members should NOT enter credit card information. You have already paid for your tickets through your membership.** After you log in, you will click the APPLY button. The ticket price will "zero out."

*Come with a group, but everyone has their own membership? We suggest that you call to make your reservation.

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PARKING UPDATE

As you know, the University of South Carolina owns the lot at the corner of Pendleton and Sumter Streets.

We have **GREAT NEWS!**

For the rest of the 105th season (through Spamalot), parking in this lot **DURING** a Town Theatre show is complimentary!

THANK YOU to USC for their support.

Dinner and a show, anyone?

1213 Blanding Street



Thursday through
Saturday evenings

1800 Taylor Street



Thursday &
Friday evenings

Menu details at towntheatre.com.

A 5:30 PM dinner reservation is available prior to evening shows on days noted above.

Show tickets must be for same day as dinner.

Space is limited and may not be available.

Menus subject to change.

Dinner reservation **MUST** be made through Town Theatre by phone.

\$35/person includes taxes & gratuity. Show ticket must be purchased separately **OR** come from your membership.

*You make your show reservation and
we'll take care of dinner!*