



## Production Team

Director – Johnathan Luster

Assistant Director – Dr. Erin Allen

Student Director – Amanda Kazsmer

Set Design – Nick Fazekas

Lighting & Sound Designer – Braeden Hambor

Costume Master – Tiffany Jordan

Stage Managers – Emma Coll & Patience Doeing

Props Master – Emma Coll

Narrator – Samantha Myers

### High School Crew

Nick Fazekas, Patience Doeing, Emma Coll,  
Braeden Hambor, Tiffany Jordan, Christian Nelson,  
Ashley Pomplas, Sammy Myers

### Middle School Crew

Sara Fircak, Cheyenne Stafinski, Hailey Morlan, Adara  
Tharp, Kelsey Myrphy, Andrew Bickerstaff, Devon  
Bockerstaff, Thomas Blanton, Hunter Bruce

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Presented By:

Fairport Harding High School  
Drama Department

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# Our Inspiration

## Director's Notes

Welcome! My name is Johnathan Luster and I'm in my second year as Director of the Fairport Harding High School Drama Department. I am also a staff member at FHS Schools as the Elementary and High School Intervention Specialist. I have performed in many local theater performances and am currently in the midst of my own rehearsals for Disney's *The Little Mermaid* at the Willoughby Fine Arts Association.

*Steel Magnolias* is an American comedy-drama written in 1987 by Robert Harling. The play is about the strong bond a group of women share in a small town southern community, and how they cope with the death of one of their own. The story is based on Harling's real life experience of the death of his sister, Susan Harling Robinson, in 1985 due to complications from Type 1 Diabetes. He changed his sister's name in the story from Susan to Shelby. The play was turned into a movie and has captivated audiences around the world.

This material has stretched our student actresses in new dimensions. With difficult subject matter that hits very close to home with our cast, we are very fortunate to have such dedicated and strong women in these roles. The dialogue is difficult, fast paced and voluminous. It challenges the students to learn and act out an enormous amount of content, portraying characters that are very new and different for them.

Type 1 Diabetes has impacted many families in our small district and specifically one of our cast members who was diagnosed at the age of 5. Our hope is to bring awareness and education to the community and support the fight to find a cure and better treatment for those suffering with this disease. Thank you for joining us and ENJOY the show!

# Characters

(In order of Appearance)

**Truvy Jones – Gabby Palmer**

**Annelle Dupuy – Abby Brennan**

**Clairee Belcher – Michaela Hess**

**Ouiser Boudreaux – Aleena Hess**

**M'Lynn Eatenton – Victoria Palmer**

**Shelby Eatenton Latcherie – Maya Hess**

## Synopsis

Place: Chinquapin, Louisiana

Act I Scene 1: April  
Scene 2: December

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

**This production will consist of two acts.**

**There will be a brief intermission between Act I & II.**

Please silence cell phones and electronic devices.

The video and/or audio recording of this performance by any means are strictly prohibited.

For the safety of our performers please no flash photography.

Thank you and please enjoy the show.

# Steel Magnolias Cast

(In order of appearance)



**Truvy Jones: Gabby Palmer, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Prior Shows: Annie, Wizard of Oz, Alice in Wonderland, Little Shop of Horrors, Sisu is in the Heart (Fairport Community Theater), Barefoot in the Park, The Little Mermaid



**Annelle Dupuy: Abby Brennan, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Debut Performance



**Clairee Belcher: Michaela Hess, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Prior Shows: Miracle Worker, Cinderella, Annie, Wizard of Oz, Alice in Wonderland, Little Shop of Horrors, Carousel (Rabbit Run Theater), Godspell (Fairport Dance Academy), Sisu is in the Heart, The Little Mermaid, Mary Poppins (Mt. Carmel Players)



**Ouiser Boudreaux : Aleena Hess, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Prior Shows: Miracle Worker, Cinderella, Annie, Wizard of Oz, Alice in Wonderland, Little Shop of Horrors, Carousel (Rabbit Run Theater), Godspell (Fairport Dance Academy), Almost Maine (Lake Erie College), The Little Mermaid, Mary Poppins (Mt. Carmel Players)



**M'Lynn Eatenton: Victoria Palmer, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Prior Shows: Miracle Worker, Cinderella, Annie, Alice in Wonderland, Little Shop of Horrors, Godspell (Fairport Dance Academy), Barefoot in the Park, The Little Mermaid



**Shelby Eatenton Latcherie: Maya Hess, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Prior Shows: Wizard of Oz, Little Shop of Horrors, Sisu is in the Heart, The Little Mermaid

**Special Mention:** Maya brought significant personal experience to her role as Shelby. Maya is a Type 1 Diabetic, diagnosed at the age of 5. She continues to bring awareness and education in hopes of finding a cure and better treatment options for those suffering with Diabetes.