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Written by Robert Harling



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### **Steel Dynamics, Inc.** **Mark Millett, President and CEO**

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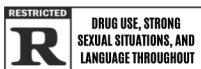
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## NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE/ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

### Welcome to the Fort Wayne Civic Theatre!

The Fort Wayne Civic Theatre is proud to be one of the oldest downtown arts destinations in Northeast Indiana and to be celebrating our 95th Season. We continue to enrich the Arts and Cultural makeup of our community, bringing tourism to downtown while other area businesses benefit from patrons pre and post show activities.

**Our Vision** - To be the regional leader in live theatre experiences through artistic excellence and innovation.

**Our Mission** - Fort Wayne Civic Theatre entertains, educates, inspires, and enriches the community through exceptional live theatre experiences.

**Our Values** - In pursuit of our vision and mission we:

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Educate our community



Phillip H. Colglazier

You, our patrons, our volunteers, are the heart and soul of the Fort Wayne Civic Theatre. Our staff and board of directors are here to serve you, to showcase and celebrate the theatrical talents of our community! What a joy it is to help make dreams come true, to be a part of something greater than oneself. We come together with a shared vision to give of ourselves for a collective work of art, the show, the ultimate experience for your pleasure and applause. What wonderful gift of giving!

Thank you to YOU!

We welcome Mr. Reuben Albaugh as he makes his Civic Theatre directorial debut with *Steel Magnolias*! He is a true gem, enriching the words and intentions of the playwright Robert Harling. He's put together an excellent, class act of ladies ready to make you laugh and shed a tear.

We hope you will plan to join us for our 95th Season by purchasing a Flex Pass! A Flex Pass includes 6 tickets to be use all at one time or spread out throughout the season! It's the best price offered to you all season. Get your Season Subscription today!

The Civic Theatre is proud to announce our 2022-2023 Season!

*Steel Magnolias*: Sept. 9-18, 2022

*Elf The Musical*: Nov. 5-20, 2022

*Hello, Dolly!*: Feb. 18-26, 2023

*The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)*: March 17-April 2, 2023

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Please consider making a donation to the Fort Wayne Civic Theatre with your season ticket order! In the best of times, ticket sales account for only about 1/3 of our revenue and the need for the financial support of our patrons and community has never been greater.

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If you would like to be a part of this important campaign we ask you to pledge to contribute a total of \$1,500 or more to be paid by June 2028 (over and above your traditional annual giving). You can determine a payment schedule at the time you submit your pledge form. Or, if you prefer, simply make a one-time 100th Anniversary Endowment Fund donation of \$1,500 or more.

Your donation to the 100th Anniversary Endowment Fund will be appropriately recognized in each Civic Stagebill program through our 100th Anniversary Season. Your generous gift will be part of a strong financial foundation that will ensure the Civic Theatre's place in our community for decades to come, nurturing generations of actors and technical stage volunteers.

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**Place: Chinquapin, Louisiana**

**ACT I**

**Scene I: April**

**Scene II: December**

***15 Minute Intermission***

**ACT II**

**Scene I: June, Eighteen Months Later**

**Scene II: November**



## 2022-2023 Audition Dates

*Hello, Dolly!*

**Sunday, November 13, 2022**

*The Complete Works of  
William Shakespeare (Abridged)*

**Sunday, January 8, 2023**

*Into The Woods*

**Sunday, March 5, 2023**

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*Elf The Musical*



**KRISTEN HOLT (Truvy Jones)** just got back from Bikini Bottom where she had so much fun as the Krabby Patty in *The SpongeBob Musical* (Civic). She was also recently seen as Valencia in IMTF's production of *Slaughterhouse-Five*. A few favorite roles include Ancestor in *The Addams Family* (Summit Music Theatre) and Senator George Read in *1776* (Civic). She would like to thank her super supportive husband Jesse and two awesome kids, Austin, and Faye. As always dedicated to her

angel Matthew Cygan.

**STEPHANIE LONGBRAKE (Annelle Dupuy-DeSoto)**

has loved helping tell this story of steadfast and empathetic friendship. So much gratitude to the five other women in Truvy's carport turned beauty shop and our skilled production team. She's performed in thirteen musicals and concerts with the Civic, but this is her first play! Most recently, Stephanie performed in the Civic's *Forbidden Broadway's Greatest Hits*, playing more than nine characters. Awards and nominations from the Fort Wayne Civic Theatre, Arena Dinner Theatre, Ohio Community Theater Association and BroadwayWorld.



**MAGGIE KOLE HUNTER (Clairee Belcher)** is delighted to return to the Civic stage in this heartwarming, life affirming classic. Last seen as the ditzy English Dotty/Mrs. Clackett in last season's *Noises Off*, she now inhabits the Southern charmer, Clairee who is a true smart aleck with a heart of gold. After all, if you don't have anything nice to say about anyone...come sit next to me. Many hearts to Rueben, the "ladies", and the crew. Pecan tassies are now the new sardines! As always, this is dedicated to Brett, Colin, and my angel in heaven, Michael.

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## STEEL MAGNOLIAS

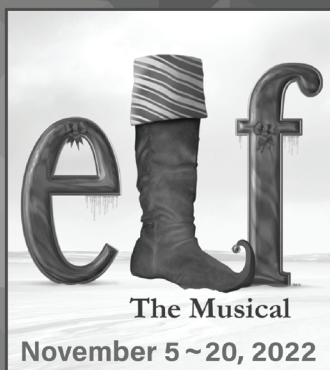
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**CAROLYNN STODER (Shelby Eatenton-Latcherie)** is elated to return to Civic and was last seen here in *Over the River...* directed by Jeff Moore. Since then, she has trained at Indiana University and AMDA. She recently appeared and was nominated for her role as Alice in *You Can't Take It With You*. Other favorite credits of hers include Juliet in *Romeo and Juliet*, Ruth Condomine in *Blithe Spirit*, Norma Hubley in *Plaza Suite*, Hermia in *Midsummer Night's Dream*, and Ariel in *The Tempest*. Carolynn is represented by Helen Wells Agency and DMe Talent.



**KAT HICKEY (M'Lynn Eatenton)** is an actor, singer, mother, and truth-seeker. She is thrilled to be making her debut on the Fort Wayne Civic stage! Regional credits include *Little Shop of Horrors* (Audrey) with Summit City, *Fun Home* (Alison), *Next to Normal* (Diana), *Hair* (Sheila), *A New Brain* (Mimi) with Three Rivers and *The Wolves* (Soccer Mom) with First Pres. She is grateful to share the stage with these five powerhouse women. Many thanks to Reuben, the creative team and crew and to her everyday teachers, Liam, Parker, Elliot, and Jackson.

**NANCY KARTHOLL (Ouiser Boudreaux)** was last seen at Fort Wayne Civic Theatre as *Masha* in *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike*. Her favorite roles over the years include Anne Hathaway in the one-woman show *Shakespeare's Will* at FPT and the Baker's Wife in *Into The Woods* at Civic (2007). She has a special affinity for *Steel Magnolias*, having played Shelby in 1993 at Civic, and Truvy in 2007 at FPT. She is very grateful to work with such an extraordinary group of Fort Wayne women! Love to Thom, always.



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**Arts United Center Management:** The Arts United Center designed by AIA gold medal recipient Louis I. Khan opened in 1973 as a centralized home for local performing arts and cultural organizations. It is operated by Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne with offices at 300 E. Main Street, Fort Wayne IN 46802. Inquiries about use of the Theatre should be directed to Arts Campus Administration at 260-424-0646.

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**BOBBI JO CARROLL (Assistant Director/Stage Manager)** is overjoyed to help these remarkable women & production team craft this endearing story. A frequent performer/production team in the FW theatre community, she loves sharing her passion for music & performing as an elementary music teacher. Favorite selected roles: FWCivic - Richard Henry Lee (1776), Baroness Bomburst (*Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*), Fairy Godmother (*Shrek*), Joy (*Cinderella*); TRMT - Ensemble (*The Light in the Piazza*) & many cabarets. "Endless love & gratitude to God, Mom, Sarah, Michelle, Reuben, Stephanie, & Rik: Your love & support make "thirty minutes of wonderful" a lifetime of something special."

**JENNIFER BEINEKE (Assistant Stage Manager)** has been with the Fort Wayne Civic Theatre for eight seasons. She has been part of the stage management team in the past seasons at Civic for 33 *Variations*, *Sweeney Todd*, *Young Frankenstein*, *The Rocky Horror Show*, and Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*; and part of crew for *Mary Poppins* and *Jekyll and Hyde*. She has also worked with Fort Wayne Youtheatre on *Remembering Anne*, *James and the Giant Peach*, and *Young Harriet Tubman*. Jennifer would like to thank her husband Lee Beineke, family, and friends for their love and support.



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- 1) Theatre helps us to see a different perspective from our own. We're shown humanity, psychology, motivation, conflict and resolution. Theatre encourages us to give power to truth, to take risks, and to advocate for new and diverse voices.
- 2) Theatre reminds us that we are not alone. Not only are we sharing space and an experience with the artists who are performing, we are sharing the experience with fellow audience members. Movies and television don't have the same intimacy or sense of participation. Sharing an experience with live actors and live audience members is not only valuable, it's necessary for human connection.
- 3) Theatre is immediate, evolving and always different. Although the script may be the same every night, the performance is unique each and every time it happens. No two performances are ever the same. In this way, everyone involved has a distinct and unique experience that can never be replicated.
- 4) Live theatre helps to promote social discourse, dialogue, and potential social change. Theatre is a cultural phenomenon that demands that society examines itself in the mirror. We can study societal problems and attempt to find solutions. Coming together as a community to listen to opposing points of view is necessary.
- 5) Theatre promotes education and literacy. Studies have shown that students who participate in theatre do better in school.

**Contact: 260.422.8641x226 or [ewadewitz@fwcivic.org](mailto:ewadewitz@fwcivic.org)**

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Like many, I fell in love with *Steel Magnolias* when I saw the film. As a naive kid in rural Northeastern Indiana, I had no idea the movie was based on a play. I loved the performances of Dolly Parton and Sally Field. I didn't understand who Shirley McClain and Olympia Dukakis were, but I have since learned!

I think it might be easy for someone to see this play as a period piece. I mean, the 1980s are a time period now – how strange is that! See it as a callback to a “simpler time” when family values were the core of the American dream. I think that this play is so much more than that. I think it is a celebration of women. Playwright Robert Hartling wrote the play and dedicated it to the memory of his sister, who died due to complications from the birth of her first and only child. The women in this story are the heart of their community and teach us about the kindness, grace, and love we should have for the rest of humanity. Truvy's kindness in giving Annelle a job and welcoming her into the group; Clairee and Ouiser's friendship is undefinable; and the love that M'Lynn has for her daughter, Shelby, is pure and radiates from the heart of this play. This play is funny and will tug at your heartstrings all at the same time. When you walk away from this production, I hope you will have a sense of appreciation for the people surrounding you and the courage to be a bit nicer to one another.

I am honored to be directing my first show for the Fort Wayne Civic Theatre! When I graduated from IPFW, I decided to stay in Fort Wayne to be a part of the growing arts and culture scene in Fort Wayne. Since then, I have been very involved with the community theatre. I am always humbled by the talent of the people in this community, many of whom I consider dear friends.

**REUBEN ALBAUGH (Director)** has acted, directed, designed, and stage-managed at IPFW, First Presbyterian Theatre, Fort Wayne Civic Theatre, and Arena Dinner Theatre. Some of his acting credits include *Rumors*, *Corpus Christie*, *You Can't Take it With You*, *Seussical the Musical*, *Once Upon a Mattress*, *The Tempest*, and *Eurydice*. His directing credits include *Sylvia*, *Dashing Through The Snow*, *Christmas Belles*, *Four Old Breads*, *She Loves Me*, *Stepping Out*, *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*, and *Little Shop of Horrors*. Reuben is a 2004 graduate of the IPFW Department of Theatre and is currently the Box Office Manager for the ArtsTix Community Box Office and an instructor at the Fort Wayne Youtheatre.



## STEEL MAGNOLIAS

**ROBET HARLING (Author)** A Southerner, Harling moved to New York to pursue a theatrical career after first obtaining a law degree. He landed work in regional theatre and as a voice-over artist for radio and TV commercials before turning to writing. When his sister Susan died of complications from diabetes, he was inspired to write his first play, *Steel Magnolias*. The effort impressed Kyle Renick at the off-off-Broadway WPA Theater enough to produce it where it received strong notices and transferred to a healthy off-Broadway run. Producer Ray Stark purchased the screen rights and Harling set about adapting the piece. The finished film directed by Herbert Ross (1989) was notable for its cast: Oscar-winners Sally Field, Shirley MacLaine and Olympia Dukakis, and, in the role inspired by the author's sister, Julia Roberts who gave a warm and winning performance. Harling himself played a small role in the film as the minister who presides at Roberts' wedding. Harling wrote the hilarious spoof *Soapdish* (1991) which reteamed him with Sally Field, as a soap opera diva whose off-screen life was as outrageous as her onscreen one. He also adapted *The First Wives Club* (1996) and made his directorial debut later that same year with *The Evening Star*, based on Larry McMurtry's novel.

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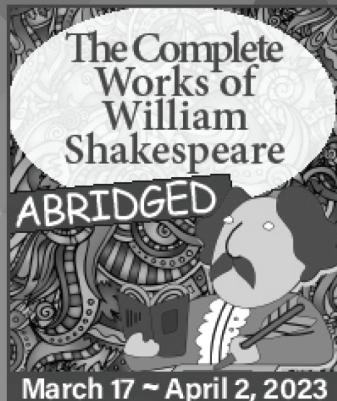
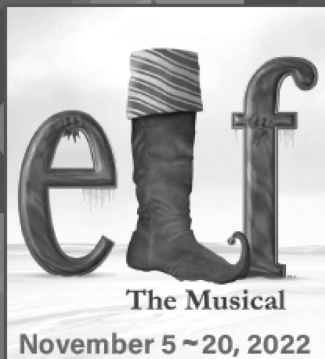
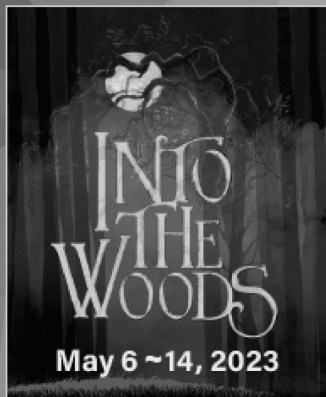
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