

Theatre Guild Valdosta 2003 - 2004

Guys AND Dolls



based on a story and characters by
Damon Runyon
September 4-7, 11-13



SHERLOCK'S LAST CASE

by Charles Marowitz
October 30-31,
November 1-2, 6-8

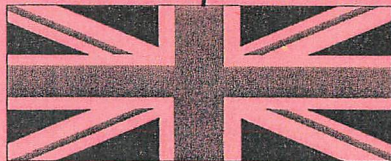
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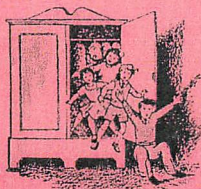
by Norman C. Ahearn, Jr.
& Yvonne Ahearn
December 5-7

No Sex Please, We're British



by Anthony Marriott
& Alistair Foot
January 29-31, February 1, 5-7

The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe



Based upon the story
by C.S. Lewis
Dramatized by Joseph Robinette

March 19-21

Steel Magnolias



by Robert Harling
May 6-9, 13-15

Theatre Guild Valdosta
presents

Steel Magnolias



by **Robert Harling**

May 5 – 9, 12 – 15, 2004

Directed by
Michael Brogdon

The 'Dosta Playhouse Home of Theatre Guild Valdosta
122 N. Ashley Street
P. O. Box 2831 Valdosta, GA 31604
www.lvac.org or www.valdostasells.com

Originally produced by the WPA Theatre, New York City, 1987.
(Kyle Renick, Artistic Director).

Produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

Steel Magnolias



by Robert Harling

CAST

IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE:

<i>Truvy Jones</i>	GAIL POWELL
<i>Annelle DuPuy-Desoto</i>	CRYSTAL BELLANT
<i>Clairee Belcher</i>	JOANNE GRINER
<i>Shelby Eatenton-Latcherie</i>	CHRISTA SAUNDERS
<i>M'Lynn Eatenton</i>	MARY ANN GREEN
<i>Ouiser Boudreaux</i>	DONNA JOYNER

CREW

<i>Director</i>	Michael Brogdon
<i>Assistant Director</i>	Ray Lambert
<i>Producer</i>	Jack Pruden
<i>Stage Manager</i>	Brenda Carter
<i>Asst. Stage Manager</i>	Rick Patrick
<i>Light Technician</i>	Justin Hall, Kimber Lovern
<i>Sound Technician</i>	Jerri O'Neal, Jill Lovern
<i>Props</i>	Mark Smith
<i>Set Construction</i>	Jerry Ellis, Michael Brogdon, Mike Glasscock, Ray Lambert, Scott Lovern, Joanne Griner, Mary Ann Green, Donna Joyner
<i>Set Design/Dressing</i>	Michael Brogdon
<i>Publicity/Showcase</i>	Jill Lovern, Joanne Griner, Michael Brogdon, Mary Ann Green, Donna Joyner, Mary Helen Watson, Ricardo Ipina, cast members
<i>Box Office</i>	Linda Stikkel, Joanne Griner, Mary Ann Green

Steel Magnolias

All of the action takes place in Truvy's Beauty Shop in Chinquapin, Louisiana.

SCENES

Act I

Scene 1 April

Scene 2 December

~INTERMISSION~

Act II

Scene 1: June, eighteen months later

Scene 2: November



Director's Notes

One of the questions I received from the general public concerning the show is "Who's going to play Dolly Parton?" I patiently explained that Dolly is not a character in the play. No, Dolly is an actor who played the role of Truvy in the movie version of the play and, believe it or not, *Steel Magnolias* was a successful play before Hollywood ever got its mitts on it.

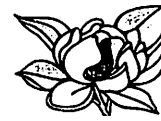
Now, I won't go into great detail about the advantages of live plays over movies. I will, however, be glad to tell you why I prefer the play *Steel Magnolias* over the movie version. In the play, Truvy's salon is the only setting. The characters come to Truvy's to let their hair down, both literally and figuratively. They feel safe and secure enough at Truvy's Salon to nag, complain, laugh, cry, and share the most intimate secrets of their hearts. You get the feeling that this salon is a haven for these ladies. It's a place of their own, where they don't have to be anything other than themselves, and they get to be themselves amongst their friends. That sounds pretty close to paradise to me.

The sheltering aspect of the salon itself was the primary thing I missed in the movie. Through the cameras, I watched these ladies being scattered all over town, and I felt sorry for them because they didn't seem to have a true place of their own like the characters in the play do. Now, I'm not saying the movie isn't great, it is. In fact, you should go rent it after the show so you can compare and contrast. I personally prefer the play because the salon almost becomes a character unto itself . . .

It's the sheltering tree on which these steel magnolias blossom.

Enjoy the show.

---Michael Brogdon



WHO'S WHO

CRYSTAL BELLANT Annelle DuPuy-Desoto

Crystal is proud to make her 'Dosta Playhouse debut as Annelle in *Steel Magnolias*. Her past shows include Women3 in *The Visit* and an ensemble cast member in *Laramie Project* at VSU, where she played six different characters, Marie in *Marie & Bruce*, Cookie in *Rumors*, and Lucy in *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* at Andrew College. Crystal would like to thank her family and friends for all their continuing support. She would also like to thank the director and wonderful cast of *Steel Magnolias* for this remarkable opportunity to work with such a great cast and crew. "Y'all come back now ya hear!"

MICHAEL BROGDON Director

Michael is delighted to be directing again for TGV. Previous directing credits include *On Golden Pond* and *Crimes of the Heart*. Previous TGV roles include Dr. Watson in *Sherlock's Last Case* and Mr. Roat in *Dial "M" for Murder*.

MARY ANN GREEN M'Lynn Eatenton

Mary Ann is no stranger to TGV audiences, having performed last season in *Dearly Departed* and served as Director for *Sherlock's Last Case* this season. With TGV's scheduling of this show about women in a month traditionally honoring motherhood, Mary Ann would like to take this opportunity to publicly dedicate her performance to the very special mothers in her life. To the women of TGV; to the two Mildreds and 'Mama' Sarah; and lastly, to my own special daughter, Lisa - "You have no idea how wonderful you are!" Happy Mother's Day!

JOANNE GRINER Clairee Belcher

Joanne is reprising her role on TGV's stage, having portrayed Clairee in the Guild's 1995 production. Joanne has played many roles for TGV, both onstage and off. Her most recent role onstage was as Abby Brewster in *Arsenic & Old Lace*. Offstage, you have seen her out front ushering and in the concession stand during intermissions. Also, you can hear her on the radio promoting TGV. She hopes you enjoy this production. It's "Better 'n Grits!"

DONNA JOYNER Ouiser Boudreaux

Donna has had more fun this season than a "sow in a hog wallow." She went from a drunk in *Guys and Dolls* to a hooker in *No Sex Please, We're British*, and finally ended up as a crotchety old woman who has "more money than God" in the final play of the season, *Steel Magnolias*. "I've had more fun this season than one person has a right to, and I very much appreciate the TGV directors for allowing me to do so. A big thank you to Michael for choosing me to play Ouiser and to Dan, my husband, for being my biggest fan and for keeping things going at home while I play."



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GAIL POWELL Truvy Jones

Gail is happy to play Truvy Jones in TGV's production of *Steel Magnolias*. Previous roles at TGV include Maggie in *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, Meg in *Crimes of the Heart*, and Alais in *The Lion in Winter*. Gail graduated from Valdosta State University with a BFA in Theatre in 1995. Since then she has worked for several theater companies and now she is a cast member of Wild Adventures entertainment department. She would like to thank the other ladies in *Steel Magnolias* for making this production such a delightful experience!

CHRISTA SAUNDERS Shelby Eatenton-Latcherie

Christa is proud to be making her Valdosta stage debut. She was born in Homestead, FL and moved to Hollywood, AL at age 15. She now lives in Jennings, FL with her incredible parents, whose love and never-ending support have meant so much. She graduated last May from Florida State University with a BFA in Theater. In Tallahassee, she played Celimene in *The Misanthrope*, Margret in *Woyzeck* and Bun in the one-act play *The Love Talker*. One of her proudest moments was performing in FSU's Senior Showcase in New York City, under the direction of Ed Sherin, Broadway director and former executive producer of *Law and Order*. Christa is preparing to relocate (once again) to Atlanta in June. Infinite thanks and love to her Mom, Dad, Ersin, Michael, and the ladies that she will never forget: "I love you all!"

Thank You Very Much!

The cast and crew of *Steel Magnolias* wish to extend many thanks for the following contributions to our show:

Kent's Hair Salon for the salon chairs
Salon 106 for the hair dryer
Fadwa DeLoach @ Anthony & Company - shampoo sink
Silkwood - fern plant
American Glass - Plexiglas for window
Valdosta Greeting Service - promotion
Talk Radio WVLD 1450AM Mix 96 Rock 108
Hot 102.7 Star 105.3 WAAC WGOV
Dean Poling of Valdosta Daily Times
Kim Johnson of Style Magazine
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Ruthie Garner of WALB TV Albany
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All patrons who attended a show this season!



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Patron contributions received after 4/26 will be published in the next program. Thank you so much for your patronage!

**Theatre Guild Valdosta
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The Board of Directors meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the 'Dosta Playhouse. A general membership meeting follows at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are open to the public.

Upcoming Auditions



Sunday, June 6 @ 4:00 pm

Monday, June 7 @ 7:00 pm

Tuesday, June 8 @ 7:00 pm

'Dosta Playhouse

Those auditioning for Dorothy must sing "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." Munchkins, Lion, Tin Man, and Scarecrow will also need to sing at auditions. Ages: 6 years old and up.

Run Dates: August 26-29 & September 2-4, 2004 with additional shows possible

Directed by Pauline Player
For more info call Pauline @ 247-2257

Words of Wisdom from Steel Magnolias

*"I'd rather have thirty minutes
of wonderful than a lifetime of nothing special."*

*"If you can achieve puberty,
you can achieve a past."*

*"I'm not crazy,
I've just been in a very bad mood
for 40 years."*

*"If you don't have anything nice
to say about anybody, come set by me."*

*"Honey, there's so much static electricity in here,
I pick up everything except boys and money."*

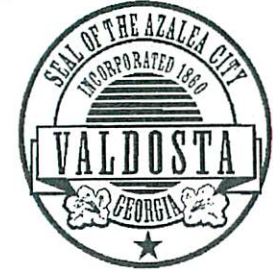
"There is no such thing as natural beauty."

Dear Theater Supporters,

Theatre Guild Valdosta is very special to me. It is a wonderful attribute to our community's participation in the Arts. Please enjoy the productions, the atmosphere and the fact that all you experience while here is brought to you by volunteers. Your continued support is welcome and needed.

"Break a Leg"

John J. Fretti
Mayor
City Of Valdosta



Theatre Guild Valdosta Foundation

701 N. Patterson, Valdosta, GA 31601

Congratulations to the newly launched Theatre Guild Valdosta Foundation (TGVF), created to allow the Guild members to create plays. The Guild contributes thousands of volunteer hours, which leaves little time for fund raising. The Foundation is raising funds to maintain the historic, downtown buildings occupied by TGV.

TGVf

Currently serving on the Foundation are members: Electa Ricket, Mike Dover, John Fretti, Keven Davis, and Kay Jennett.

For further information contact
Electa Ricket @ 244-8582

Thanks to Night at the 'Dosta Sponsors

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History

TGV was organized in 1989 through the efforts of the Lowndes/Valdosta Arts Commission as an autonomous community theater group with non-profit tax-exempt status. After three years as a group of vagabond players with no home, the group purchased the old 'Dosta Theatre building in 1992 and set about converting the dilapidated movie theatre into a playhouse for live stage performances. Thanks to many supporters and one large benefactor, TGV now owns three adjoining buildings in historic downtown Valdosta. The all-volunteer group produces four main stage shows and two children's shows each year. All of this is done in order to provide a high quality theater experience for our community.

Membership & Ticket Info

Please consider becoming a member to support your community theatre. We couldn't do it without you. Membership helps us defray the cost of the newsletter which keeps you informed of play dates, board meetings, auditions, play selections. Also with membership you have a vote on play selection and an invitation to the annual Rosie Awards.

Annual Membership	\$15 (individual) \$25 (family)
Member Season Ticket	\$32
Non-Member Season Ticket	\$35
Single Ticket	\$10
Single Ticket Musical	\$12
Children's Show Tickets	\$3 & \$5

RESERVATIONS 24-STAGE 247-8243

For membership, please contact: Jack Pruden at 247-9850

Dinner Theater

TGV provides dinner for your enjoyment on the two Thursday nights of each show. Reservations must be made and paid for in advance by the Tuesday before your reservation. Dinner is buffet style catered by Covington's and is served by 6:30 p.m.

BYOB. Seating is limited so please make your reservations early.

Call 24-STAGE (247-8243) for reservations or call during our box office hours:
5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Monday - Friday the week before opening

Cost of dinner \$15.00 (in addition to show ticket)

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Senior Citizens Center - 1360 East Park Avenue Moderator -Jack Pruden, Theatre Guild Valdosta

For more info contact Gayle Crosby 259-5469

Children Get in On The Acting



Twice yearly, TGV invites children to get in on the act. We choose great plays in which the children are the stars, not only on-stage, but back stage as well. We encourage them to perform and learn all aspects of the theater. Parents get involved with their children and it becomes a family adventure. Parents can audition alongside their children! Visit our website for audition information and look in the Goings On section in the *Valdosta Daily Times*.

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