

Steel Magnolias - Audition Packet

The show is set in Truvy's beauty salon in Chinquapin, Louisiana, where all the ladies who are "anybody" come to have their hair done. Helped by her eager new assistant, Annelle, the outspoken, wise-cracking Truvy dispenses shampoos and free advice to the town's rich curmudgeon, Ouiser; an eccentric millionaire, Miss Clairee, who has a raging sweet tooth; and the local social leader, M'Lynn, whose daughter, Shelby, is about to marry a good ole boy.

Filled with hilarious repartee and not a few acerbic but humorously revealing verbal collisions, the play moves toward tragedy when, in the second act, the spunky Shelby (who is a diabetic) risks pregnancy and forfeits her life. The sudden realization of their mortality affects the others, but also draws on the underlying strength—and love—which give the play, and its characters, the special quality to make them truly touching, funny and marvelously amiable company in good times and bad.

Character List:

Role	Description	Stage Age
Truvy	Owner of a small town beauty shop. She knows everyone's business and shares it with anyone who will listen. Southern Belle. She always has advice for you, and they often come in the form of country sayings.	Early 40's
Annelle	Very shy hair-dresser. She goes from a very soft-spoken person to a bible-loving Christian with her heart on her sleeve.	Mid 20's
Clairee	Widow of the former mayor of Chinquapin. She is wealthy and also knows everyone's business. She is the sarcastic member of	Early 60's

	the group. She loves to laugh and poke fun at the little things that others cry over. She is very close with Ouiser.	
Shelby	Prettiest girl in town, and loved by all. She has a weird relationship with her mother, and often rebels just for the sake of rebellion.	Mid-late 20's
M'Lynn	Mother of Shelby. She is over-protective at times and finds the need to have a firm grasp on the world at all times. She is a busy woman who worries too much for her age.	Early 50's
Ouiser (pronounced Weezer)	She is a wealthy old bitty. She is a loveably miserable lady, though. Her unique personality and sense of humor is a great relief in the serious scenes. She is very close to Clairee.	Early 60's

Audition Information:

Date/Times

- Monday, March 16th 630pm-730pm
- Tuesday, March 17th 630pm-730pm
- Callbacks (if needed): Thursday March 19th 630pm-730pm

Location:

- Genoa Civic Theatre - 509 Main St Second Floor, Genoa, OH 43430

What to expect:

- Please be prepared to read from the monologues and sides provided
- Looking for strong characterizations and acting choices as well as southern accents

Monologues:

- ☰ Truvy Monologue
- ☰ Annelle Monologue
- ☰ Clairee Monologue
- ☰ Shelby Monologue
- ☰ M'Lynn Monologue
- ☰ Ouiser Monologue

Sides:

- ☰ Side 1 - Clairee, Truvy, Shelby, M'Lynn
- ☰ Side 2 - Ouiser, Clairee, Truvy, Shelby, M'Lynn, Annelle
- ☰ Side 3 - Ouiser, Clairee, Truvy, Shelby, M'Lynn, Annelle
- ☰ Side 4 - Ouiser, Clairee, Truvy, Shelby, M'Lynn, Annelle
- ☰ Side 5 - Ouiser, Clairee, Truvy, Annelle

Rehearsal Information:

Rehearsals will take place Monday-Thursday between 630pm-830pm, but may extend to 900pm closer to the show. Tech week attendance will be mandatory. All rehearsals will take place at Genoa Civic Theater

Read-thru will take place on March 24th starting at 630pm

Every rehearsal will start on time - please arrive early enough to get settled and ready to go