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“Steel Magnolias”



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This year, Acadram has decided to take on “Steel Magnolias,” a play that focuses on the powerful bonds between women. “Steel Magnolias” is a heartbreakingly, yet humorously, story that follows the sisterhood of six women as they go through life’s high and low points together. The comedy-drama, written by Robert Harling in 1987, takes place in a local hair salon in the fictional Chinquapin Parish in Louisiana.

Truvy Jones is the owner of the hair salon, with Annelle DeSoto as her newly hired assistant. Truvy’s clients include Ouiser Boudreaux, the token grumpy old woman of the neighborhood; Clairee Belcher, the widow of the former mayor of Chinquapin Parish; and the bickering, yet loving,

mother-daughter duo M’Lynn Eatenton and Shelby Eatenton-Latcherie. These women’s stories unfold throughout their visits to the salon.

The Acadram production stars freshman Madeline Eiser as Truvy, sophomore Livia Nocito as Annelle, juniors Anna Huber and Grace Rowello as Ouiser and Clairee and seniors Nadine Lampe and Teleri Broomhead as M’Lynn and Shelby. Also, junior Alexandra Dobbs is the understudy and prop manager for the show.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Crowe, the moderator of Acadram and the director of “Steel Magnolias” said, “I chose this play because it focuses on strong, hilarious women who are always there for one another. I also think that the play parallels Mount’s focus in helping the dear neighbor.”

“As an all-girls school, I think we can learn a lot about how those bonds of sisterhood last, and that’s what is very valuable about ‘Steel Magnolias,’” said Broomhead.

“It’s a show about resilience in hardship,” said Nocito. “I think it is called ‘Steel Magnolias’ because men are often said to be made of steel; but in the hard times of the play, only the women remain. It truly exemplifies the strength, power and beauty of women. It’s definitely one you should watch with your mom!”

The cast has been preparing on Monday through Thursday after school since January. Acadram will perform “Steel Magnolias” on Friday, March 15, at 7:00 p.m. Buy tickets on the Mount website!

Director:
Mrs. Mary Ellen
Crowe

Cast:
Teleri Broomhead
Alexandra Dobbs
Madeline Eiser
Anna Huber
Nadine Lampe
Livia Nocito
Grace Rowello

Stage Crew:
Molly Eckert
Philomena
Guiliano
Cristina Glenn
Katie Timberlake

Set Building:
Mr. John Curry
Mr. David Curry

March 15 @7PM

