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Tacoma Arts Live presents
L.A. TheatreWorks' "Steel Magnolias"
Sunday, Feb. 24 at 3:00 p.m. at Tacoma's historic Pantages Theater
A staged reading of the memorable story of strength and resilience,
Performed by impressive, diverse cast of women

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TACOMA, WASH.— It's still a memorable story of female empowerment and resilience more than thirty years after its premiere. Tacoma Arts Live presents L.A. TheatreWorks' staged reading of "Steel Magnolias" on Sunday, Feb. 24 at 3:00 p.m. at Tacoma's historic Pantages Theater. The staged reading features an impressive and diverse cast of women. [Tickets start at \\$19 and are on sale now.](#)

At turns both laugh-out-loud funny and deeply emotional, "Steel Magnolias" reveals the strength of the human condition and our shared need for companionship. Within the walls of Truvy's beauty shop, set in the deep Bayou of Louisiana, are six women whose lives increasingly hinge on the existence of one another. Together, they absorb the passing seasons, just like the weathered wooden structure of the salon home that they share. Known for the popular film, this L.A. Theatre Works national tour of "Steel Magnolias" is a tour de force featuring an all-female cast in a commanding staged reading performance.

The production will feature an impressive cast of television, film, and theater actors:

Patti Yasutake (Star Trek, NCIS, ER, Cold Case, Grey's Anatomy, The Closer)

Elisa Bocanegra (Goodman Theatre Chicago, Roundabout Theatre Company New York, Undecided and Gilmore Girls.)

Returning LA Theatre Works actors include: Shannon Holt (Judgment at Nuremberg), Cerris Morgan-Moyer (Pride & Prejudice) and Monica McSwain, along with Director Brian Kite.

About L.A. TheatreWorks:

LATW's mission is to record and preserve great performances of important stage plays, using new technology to make world-class theatre accessible to the widest possible audience, and to expand the use of theatre as a teaching tool.

LATW was founded in 1974 to give voice to underrepresented groups, bring attention to new plays and playwrights, and produce plays that address critical historical, cultural and social issues. In the 1990's, LATW embraced audio recording in lieu of conventional theatrical presentation. Today, LATW is the nation's leading

producer of audio theatre. We produce world classics, modern masterpieces, contemporary and original works that speak to the issues of our times.

[Tickets to L.A. TheatreWork's Steel Magnolias are on sale now and are \\$19, \\$40, \\$55, and \\$69.](#) To purchase advance tickets, call the Tacoma Arts Live Box Office at 253.591.5894, toll-free 1.800.291.7593, visit in person at 901 Broadway in Tacoma's Theater District or online at www.TacomaArtsLive.org.

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The core of Tacoma's Historic Theater District, Tacoma Arts Live's mission is to energize the community through live performance. Founded in 1979, Tacoma Arts Live is a non-profit organization recognized for leadership in presenting world-class performing artists, providing one of the largest arts education programs in Washington State, and preserving Tacoma's historic theaters. Learn more at TacomaArtsLive.org.

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