



## **WS Rep Presents STEEL MAGNOLIAS, 4/27-5/11**

*By BWW News Desk*

Williams Street Repertory is proud to announce rehearsals are underway for the final production of their second season: Steel Magnolias. The show opens Friday, April 26 at 8pm on stage at Raue Center For The Arts in Historic Downtown Crystal Lake, Illinois. Additional show dates are: April 27, May 3, 4, 10 and 11 at 8:00 pm and May 11 at 3:00 pm.

**Robert Harling** wrote the heartfelt play that is based on the true story of his sister's battle with diabetes. In its searing depiction of a group of gossipy southern ladies in a small-town beauty parlor, the play is alternately hilarious and touching - and, in the end, deeply revealing of what it truly means to be a friend when the chips are up or down.

WS Rep graciously welcomes Kimberly Berg Sanders on board as the show's director. Sanders began as a dancer/performer with Judith Svalander and attended high school from Crystal Lake Central High School. She transitioned into directing while in college and upon graduating she became a member of the Chicago Center Theatre Ensemble for 5 years. Sanders, who went to school for education, has directed shows at both Prairie Ridge High School and New Trier High School, and now currently teaches English at Cary-Grove High School.

Steel Magnolias tickets start at \$29. Group pricing is available! Tickets can be purchased online at [WWW.WSREP.ORG](http://WWW.WSREP.ORG), [WWW.RAUECENTER.ORG](http://WWW.RAUECENTER.ORG) or via the Box Office at 815.356.9212 or 26 N. Williams Street in downtown Crystal Lake.