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BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. –The Gardner-Webb University Theatre Department will present the comedy-drama "Steel Magnolias" April 24-27 at 7:30 p.m. and April 28 at 2:30 p.m. in the Millennium Playhouse, located in the Communication Studies Hall.

Written by Robert Harling, "Steel Magnolias" is about the bond among a group of Southern women in northwest Louisiana. After the death of his sister, Harling was inspired to write the play. The play embodies his words, "Females are as delicate as magnolias, but tough as steel," which reflects the origination for the play's title.

Gardner-Webb University Interim Dean for the School of Performing and Visual Arts Dr. Jim Thomas will direct the play, which will feature two university students. Kelly Bradley will play Shelby and Jocelyn Marker will play Annelle.

"Steel Magnolias is a timeless play that resonates with everyone and is such a pleasure to produce for Gardner-Webb University as our last play of the season," said Dr. Sue Fair, instructor of the theatre arts and theatrical designer for the School of Performing and Visual Arts.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for senior adults and students of other schools, and free for children. The event is also free with a Gardner-Webb ID. To order tickets, call 704-406-4656.

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