

# June 2026 News from Gallery Theater

*Here's what's happening in our theater community this month.*

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## Steel Magnolias Opens July 24th



This July, Gallery Theater welcomes audiences back to the Arena Theater for *Steel Magnolias*, Robert Harling's beloved story of friendship, family, and community.

Set in a small-town Louisiana beauty salon, the play follows six women whose lives become deeply intertwined over the years. Through celebrations, disagreements,

unexpected challenges, and everyday conversations, they create a support system that carries them through whatever life brings.

Director Leslie Inmon leads a cast of familiar Gallery performers:



- Debbie Harmon Ferry as M'Lynn Eatenton
- Sasha Horning as Shelby Eatenton-Latcherie
- Lisa Lindman as Annelle Dupuy-Desoto
- Megan Read as Truvy Jones
- Patti Speight as Ouiser Boudreaux
- Toby O'Brien as Clairee Belcher

At its heart, *Steel Magnolias* is a story about the people who carry us through life's biggest moments. Harling's characters are funny, stubborn, compassionate, and deeply human. Their relationships are what have kept audiences connected to this play for generations.

We hope you'll join us July 24 through August 16 as these six talented performers bring this enduring story to life on the Gallery stage.

Tickets are available now through the Gallery Theater Box Office and [www.gallerytheater.org](http://www.gallerytheater.org).★

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## Help Shape Gallery Theater's 2028 Season



Applications are now open for Gallery Theater's 2028 Season Proposal Committee. As we begin planning our 60th Anniversary Season, we're looking for thoughtful, curious, and passionate community members to help shape the stories that will take the stage during this milestone year.

The Season Proposal Committee plays a vital role in the season selection process. Committee members review submitted show proposals, read scripts, attend

proposal presentations, engage in thoughtful discussion, and work collaboratively to recommend a balanced, exciting, and achievable season for Board approval.

This year, we have **two open positions** on the committee. No special experience is required. We welcome a variety of perspectives from performers, directors, technicians, volunteers, audience members, and theater supporters. All that's needed is a love of theater, an open mind, a collaborative spirit, and a willingness to dedicate time to reading, discussion, and thoughtful consideration.

## **Timeline**

**Applications Close:** July 11, 2026

**Selected Members Notified:** By August 4, 2026

**Committee Work Begins:** September 2026

The committee meets once per month from September through January and twice per month from February through April. Additional script reading and proposal review is required outside of meetings, particularly during the February through April period.

Serving on the Season Proposal Committee is a unique opportunity to help guide the artistic future of Gallery Theater while helping build a season that celebrates six decades of storytelling, creativity, and community.

If you've ever wanted a voice in what appears on our stage, we encourage you to apply. We look forward to hearing from you.

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# Accepting Donations



## Help Support the Raffle

Gallery Theater's Gala is coming up on August 22, and we're currently accepting donations of raffle items to help make the evening a success.

Gift baskets, experiences, tickets, gift cards, handmade items, local services, themed packages, and unique surprises are all welcome. Every donation helps support Gallery Theater and makes the evening even more exciting for our guests.

Interested in donating an item?

Contact Kalina Morgan at [volunteer@gallerytheater.org](mailto:volunteer@gallerytheater.org).

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## Volunteer Spotlight: Britt Block



Britt Block first joined the Gallery Theater family in the winter of 2022 when she directed *Actor's Nightmare* as part of our One-Act Festival. She returned the following year to direct *See How They Run* and has continued to share her passion for theater with our community ever since.

This year, Britt has focused on bringing improv to Gallery audiences and volunteers. She presented the lecture-demonstration *Hello Improv* in fall 2025 and will return as part of **Kaleidoscope: A Variety of Theater Experiences** on Saturday, June 13. She will also be teaching a four-session improv workshop this June and July through Gallery Theater.

While Britt has worked in both scripted and unscripted theater, directing remains her favorite part of the creative process. She enjoys collaborating with fellow artists and values Gallery Theater as a place where community members can come together to create, learn, and share their talents. She is especially inspired by the dedication of the many volunteers, from first-timers to seasoned veterans, who make each production possible.

Outside of Gallery, Britt is a working fine artist whose work is regularly exhibited throughout the region. Her paintings are currently on display at the Jacob Williams Tasting Room in McMinnville and at Trellis in Dundee through the end of June. She will also be participating in the inaugural McMinnville Art Festival on July 18 and 19 with her booth, *Portable Luminosity*, and is an artist and mentor with the Art Harvest Studio Tour.

Thank you, Britt, for sharing your creativity, leadership, and enthusiasm with Gallery Theater. We look forward to seeing what you'll help create next.

Interested in Britt's upcoming improv workshop? Contact [manager@gallerytheater.org](mailto:manager@gallerytheater.org) to reserve your spot.

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## ★ Introducing Gallery Theater's Star Search



We're adding something new to the newsletter.

Beginning with this issue, a Gallery Theater Star will be hidden somewhere among

the stories, announcements, and updates. Find the star, click it, and complete the entry form to be entered into our monthly prize drawing.

We'll hide a new star in every newsletter and draw one winner each month. Be sure to check back in future issues to see if your name is featured as our latest Star Search winner.

**July Prize:** Two tickets to *Steel Magnolias*

The first search starts now.

**Thanks for Reading and we'll see  
you next month !**