

Westword piece on opening tonight

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## Steel Magnolias

7:30 p.m. every Thu., Fri., Sat. until August 24 @ [Barth Hotel](#)  
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### DESCRIPTION

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Affordable long-term housing in the heart of LoDo is unusual enough. But tonight, the lobby of the Barth Hotel will be transformed into the set of Robert Harling's *Steel Magnolias*. The play, directed by Denver acting coach Ashlee Temple, follows the relationship of six Southern women -- played by an all-local cast that includes former Broadway performer Billie McBride and two-time Ovation Award winner Rhonda Brown -- who gather at their small-town beauty parlor. But the production will also invite the community into the Barth, involve its residents in a piece of live theater and raise funds for Senior Housing Options.

In its fourteen residences around the state, SHO provides affordable long-term housing for elderly, low-income and disabled people, who might otherwise be moved from place to place in transitional living situations. "We have people who have been with us for upwards of twenty years," says SHO's Jane Prancan. "We're home to people who might not otherwise be able to have the kind of high-quality living environment, as well as services in assisted living, if it weren't for SHO."

*Steel Magnolias* opens tonight at the Barth, 1514 17th Street, and runs at 7:30 p.m. every Thursday, Friday and Saturday through August 24. Tickets, \$25 general admission and \$35 for preferred seating, are available online at [seniorhousingoptions.org](http://seniorhousingoptions.org) or by calling 303-595-4464, ext. 10.

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Price: \$25/\$35 preferred seating