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## ***Rancho Cucamonga Community Theatre and Jade Salon & Spa Partner for “Steel Magnolias” Production***

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**Rancho Cucamonga, California** - The Rancho Cucamonga Community Theatre has entered into a wonderful collaboration for the upcoming production of *Steel Magnolias* which opens Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. on the Lewis Family Playhouse stage.

“Jade Salon & Spa has been a great supporter of the Cultural Center and our Community Theatre program for several years,” shared Susan Sluka-Kelly, Cultural Arts Supervisor for the City of Rancho Cucamonga. “*Steel Magnolias* takes place in a beauty salon. Jade Salon & Spa co-owner, Michael Naffziger, provided substantial contributions including cross promotions, printing services and the loan of furniture from the salon as well as training sessions for the actresses who actually will style hair on stage during the performances.”

*Steel Magnolias*, written by Robert Harling, centers around six Southern women who congregate in the local beauty salon to share their wisdom, humor and gossip and to support each other. Although the play is filled with humor, the play also offers profound drama in the form of a debilitating illness of one of the younger women and how the ladies cope with a traumatic event.

The stellar cast includes Amy Rutledge, Kirstie Burke, Lisa Lanier, Kelli Casas, Pamela Stith and Arlene Lea. The production is directed by Inland Empire Stage Director Frank Minano.

The entire Rancho Cucamonga Community Theatre season is sponsored by the Rancho Cucamonga Community Foundation.

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*Steel Magnolias* will be featured at the Lewis Family Playhouse from May 22-31, 2009. Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$14 for youth/seniors and are available at the Victoria Gardens Cultural Center Box Office located at 12505 Cultural Center Drive, Rancho Cucamonga or online at [www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com](http://www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com).

**For More Information** – For additional information or to purchase tickets, please call the Box Office at (909) 477-2752 or (877) 858-8422 or visit [www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com](http://www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com).

**Editor's Note:** Photos attached electronically.

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