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STEEL MAGNOLIAS AT THE HUBER OPERA HOUSE February 13, 14 & 15

Set in small-town Chinquapin, Louisiana, the play centers around the lives of six women who regularly gather at Truvy's beauty salon, a social hub where they share laughter, joys, and sorrows from their everyday lives.

At the beginning, Truvy (played by Lindsay Clem), the outspoken and kind-hearted owner of the salon, has just hired a shy newcomer named Annelle (Elizabeth Vance), who is trying to find her place in the world. They are doing the hair of soon-to-be-bride Shelby (Taylor Sidle) and her mother, M'Lynn (Stephanie Longbrake). She expresses her concern about Shelby, who has type 1 diabetes and wants to have children despite the health risks. Soon, Clairee (Jami Sons-Beard), the witty and wealthy widow of the former mayor, and Ouiser (Jennifer Thomas), the local eccentric and grouch, join them.

As the seasons change, so do the lives of the women. Around Christmastime, as they chat and catch up, Shelby casually reveals that she is pregnant. The announcement takes the group by surprise—especially M'Lynn, who is visibly upset and concerned. Later, Shelby's baby is born healthy, but complications arise. As the women face additional challenges and choices, they rely deeply on their friendship and humor to cope.

The title symbolizes the characters: delicate like magnolias yet tough as steel. This play is a heartfelt celebration of the bonds between women, reminding audiences of the power of community and emotional support.

NEW!!! FLEX PASS NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE ENTIRE 2026 SEASON OF HUBER SHOWS

This season we are offering flex pass options so we can best serve our patrons. Flex passes are good for any Huber play or musical in the 2026 season. [This does NOT include the school shows.] You can choose to use them all to see one production or in any combination of shows. Dinner Theater Reservations must be made separately and the dinner portion paid for in addition to using the Flex Pass for the show you are attending.

Love having a full season of shows booked in advance? Call 419-542-9553 to plan your show dates and seats for the 2026 season. You can also call in show-by-show throughout the season to redeem your passes for tickets/reserved seats or use them at the door on the day of the show. Flex passes must be used for the 2026 season and expire on 12/25/2026.

Single ticket prices vary per show, but when you purchase a Flex Pass for \$60, you save on every ticket for the entire 2026 Season. Your savings of 20% of the total cost of all four shows.

The 2026 Huber Season



Feb. 13-14-15



April 10-11-12



July 18-19



Oct 16-17-18



Tickets available at huberoperahouse.org or call 419-542-9553.



Out of Sight... Out of Murder April 10, 11 & 12

The story revolves around Peter Knight, an author who is grinding out a murder story in an old mansion where another author was murdered years before. A weird electrical storm effects a cosmic snafu and his characters come to life. There's the lovely ingenue, the trusty butler, a feisty character woman, a dauntless hero, a fascinating "other woman," the always pregnant serving girl, and the wily lawyer waiting for midnight to read the will. Peter loses control of his characters and there is a murder; the intended victim is Peter. Other murders follow and the culprit is among characters who, having also worked for other authors, know a great deal about the subject. Can Peter find the killer before the killer gets his author? Is romance with the ingenue leading anywhere? Where is the fortune mentioned in the will? All is solved ingeniously with romance, suspense and cosmic wit.

Ticket sales available online at huberoperahouse.org starting March 2 through April 7.

**Audition Dates: Feb. 19 @ 6-8 pm and
Feb. 21 @ 10 am - noon.
Come prepared to do a cold read.**



Hicksville High School will presents **ANASTASIA**

February 27th and 28th at 7:00 p.m. and March 1st at 2:00 p.m. at the Huber Opera House and Civic Center. The musical tells the story of Anya (Jordys Vance), an orphaned young woman with amnesia in post-revolutionary Russia, who teams up with two con men, Dmitry (Luke Eicher) and Vlad (Colton Hancock), to impersonate the lost Grand Duchess Anastasia Romanov and find her family in Paris, all while being pursued by a ruthless Soviet officer (Alex Harris). It is a wonderful journey of discovering identity, love, and finding one's place, blending historical legend with romance and adventure, featuring songs from the beloved animated film like "Journey to the Past" and "Once Upon a December". Directed by Elaine Gerken, this superb cast features students in grades 4-12. Jennifer Bergman serves as assistant director, and Earlee Harris will once again direct vocal music. All seating is general admission. Tickets are \$15 for all ages and will only be available at the door. Doors will open one hour prior to show time. Don't miss this exciting and heartfelt show, featuring Hicksville's extremely talented students! This show is rated PG for some mild language and thematic elements.

Ohio Goes to the Movies Selects the Huber Opera House as an Official Venue



The Huber Opera House is honored to announce its selection as an official host venue for Ohio Goes to the Movies (OGTMM), a signature event of America 250-Ohio. The Huber will present its OGTMM event on **April 25, 2026**, joining communities in all 88 counties in celebrating Ohio's impact on the film industry. The movie the Huber has chosen to show is "*The Defiance Prize Winner*" which was crafted by Terry Ryan, originally from Defiance and starring Woody Harrelson, originally from Lebanon, Ohio. "We can't wait to bring our community together for this statewide celebration of storytelling, creativity, and Ohio's film heritage with their red-carpet walk-in, a reception, and a taped interview with the author as pre-show highlights," says Chris Feichter, Director of Operations.

Ohio Goes to the Movies is a collaborative statewide initiative highlighting Ohio's role in cinema—from films shot in the state to Ohio-born stars, directors, and crew. Visitors can explore more at OhioGoesToTheMovies.org. About America 250-Ohio. In 2026, the United States will celebrate its Semiquincentennial, the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Each state is planning its own commemoration of the nation's founding and its citizens' contributions. Ohio's celebration will highlight how Ohioans have shaped America's past, present, and future. Learn more at America250-Ohio.org.

Watch for more information on how to get your **FREE** ticket to this event and enjoy an evening celebrating our local connection with *Ohio Goes to the Movies*.





SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS AT THE HUBER 2026

REGISTRATION OPEN!

The Huber is again offering two programs for youth this summer. Younger children (ages 6-13) can attend the KIDZ Day Camp (June 2-11) and will be exposed to many aspects of producing a show. They have experiences with props, set pieces, music, art, dance and get experience as an actor on stage. Workshops will be held 9:30 am - 2:00 pm. Participants will bring their own lunches and stay at the Huber all day for lots of theater activities and rehearsals. The well-rounded theater experience culminates with their performance of "Twinderella" on June 11 at 7 pm. This camp has a limited number of spots, so plan to register soon. Registration forms available by emailing cfeichter54@gmail.com or online at huberoperahouse.org in February.

The Huber Summer Youth Theater Academy serves kids ages 14-20. Their performances of "HADESTOWN TEEN" are scheduled for July 18 & 19. During their academy days (June 16- July 17) they will be actively involved in rehearsals along with many aspects of stage productions including costuming, set/props construction, and character development. The Summer Academy will be the rehearsals for this show. They will be held will be held 9:30-3:00 on June 16-17-18, 23-24-25, June 30-July 1-2, 7-8-9 and during the week of July 13 (times TBA- may need to be evenings). AUDITIONS will be held on April 30 & May 2. Those cast in parts for the show will be expected to attend the Summer Academy in June-July. Audition Forms and information about auditions available at the Huber.

Part of the Huber Mission Statement is to involve the community and provide learning experiences. Therefore, we have kept our prices for our youth programming relatively low to better serve the area youth and their families. Cost for the KIDZ two-week camp is \$100. The cost for the four-week Junior Academy is \$150. Contact Chris at the Huber Office for information about Internships and Scholarships for the Summer Programs.

Registration forms, specific days of operation, and additional information on the summer youth programs are available at the Huber Office or online at huberoperahouse.org in February.



Save the Date:
November 13, 2026



HEALTH DEPARTMENT & WIC CLINICS

The Defiance Health Department will again hold monthly clinics at the Huber. To set up an appointment at the Huber, call the Health Department at (419) 784-3818.

Health Dept

Jan. 27
Feb. 24
March 24

WIC Clinic

Feb. 4
March 4
April 1

The Year in Review 2025

The Huber has a very successful year with over 40 events being hosted. These included 5 Huber productions and the youth summer camps, 2 school productions, 14 concerts and other entertainment presentations, 4 school events, 5 community events, 4 private events, 5 meetings, and a tour group. In addition, there were monthly Health Department and WIC Clinics. We hosted musicals, plays, and dinner theaters, as well as a variety of concerts that ranged from nostalgic 50's to rock and Christian music including local talent presentations from the school and on the patio. Many community members took advantage of our auditorium and community room for meetings, and parties to celebrate graduations and hold family gatherings.

Concerning building updates and maintenance, the Huber acquired new computers for the office, updated the lighting equipment in the auditorium, redecorated the lobby, and purchased a new air conditioning unit for the first floor.

The Huber Board of Directors want to thank everyone who supported the Huber in the past year. A huge thank you to the volunteers who work concessions, participate in productions, plan events, and complete all those extra jobs like decorating for the holidays and keeping the costume room in order. The Huber would not be able to continue without the generous support of our Patrons of the Arts and other donors, but mostly, the loyalty of those who attend the events and shows at the Huber.

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GET THE HUBER HABIT - CALENDAR

Feb. 13-14-15.....Steel Magnolias- Huber Dinner Theater
Feb. 19 & 21Auditions for Out of Sight, Out of Murder
Feb. 27-28-Mar. 1Anastasia- Hicksville High School Musical
March 7Hicksville High School Coronation
April 10-11-12Out of Sight, Out of Murder- Huber Show
April 25OHIO GOES TO THE MOVIES- The Prize Winner of Defiance
June 5 & 6.....Hicksville Heritage Days Festival
June 2-11KIDZ CAMP (Ages 6-12)
June 11.....Twinderella- KIDZ Camp Show
June 16- July 17Huber Summer Theater Academy (Ages 13-20)
July 18-19.....Hadestown TEEN Edition- Huber Academy Show
Oct. 16-17-18Footloose- Huber Musical Dinner Theater
Nov. 13Huber Wine Tasting Event

For details of Upcoming Shows and Upcoming Events go to huberoperahouse.org



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