



News Release

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The Sheboygan Theatre Company is presenting the 1981 Pulitzer-Prize winning play, "Crimes of the Heart," starting this Friday, January 28. This is the third show of their seventy-seventh season, which is sponsored by Acuity and the Art and the Stefanie H. Weill Charitable Fund.

"Crimes of the Heart," was penned by Beth Henley and takes place in a small Southern town in 1970's. It is a drama/comedy about three very different sisters who are all equally emotionally damaged. The theme throughout this dramedy is that the sisters are all guilty of denying their heart's desires and real love, committing crimes of the heart.

The Magrath sisters have all been part of scandal since their mother killed herself years earlier. It has defined them in every facet of their lives. These women are quite flawed but the play is about the fact that despite those flaws and their mistakes, family and love of your family is unconditional.

Lenny Magrath is the oldest sister and has just turned 30 years old. She is guilty of not putting herself out there to even experience love or life. Worried about rejection and taking a chance she has allowed herself to be the caretaker and observer to those around her.

Meg Magrath is the middle sister who is guilty of having love but being too afraid to hold on to it. She is an extremely strong-willed person who never wanted to be seen as weak. She is passionate in her desires but fearful of any long lasting commitments, mainly because she is not sure she deserves it.

Babe Botrelle nee Magrath is the youngest and most innocent of the three sisters. She went along with a marriage plan laid out by her well-meaning grandfather and because of that she is in an abusive and unhappy marriage. She was too naïve to deal with the pain and sadness, causing her to find shelter in all the wrong ways, including shooting her husband.

The show does deal with mature themes, although Henley's smart and carefully written words allow for those themes do be dealt with in a humorous way. Still it is recommended that parents use their discretion when considering bringing children to the show.

"Crimes of the Heart" will open Friday, January 28 at 7:30 p.m. Subsequent 7:30 p.m. performances will be on January 29 and February 2, 3, 4 and 5. There will be a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, January 30. The production will be presented at the Leslie W. Johnson Theatre, 2820 Union Avenue, Sheboygan.

Admission is \$20 for adults, \$16 for seniors sixty and over and \$10 for students including college students. Tickets are available at the Theatre Company office in the Community Recreation Department, 607 S. Water Street, or at the theatre box office 45 minutes before curtain of each performance. To learn more visit www.sheboygantheatercompany.org and then call 920/459-3779 to reserve tickets or for further information.