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Billy McGuigan



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There's no denying that everyone has a Beatles song attached to at least one event in his or her life, and *Yesterday & Today* connects the performers to the audience in a way no other Beatles show does. The McGuigan Brothers, Billy, Ryan, and Matthew, along with four bandmates make up this one-of-a-kind Beatles tribute show. They don't wear "moptop" wigs, they don't fake the British accents, and they don't wear matching duds. But, this trio of good-looking brothers knows how to rock the Beatles songbook with note-for-note accuracy. "We set out to be something a little different," said Billy McGuigan, "There are literally hundreds of look-a-like bands out there, and we simply wanted to focus on recreating this amazing music that means so much to us and so many others. Being Beatles fanatics, we always felt something was missing from those other tribute shows," added Billy, "Having the audience be a part of it was the answer." Here is how it works. The band supplies the incoming audience members with a full roster of Beatles songs. The audience members write down their songs on request slips, along with the reason for their selection, and turn them in at the designated request areas. The band then feverishly assembles the set list for Act I about ten minutes before curtain. At intermission, they do it all over again. "It's always a wild experience, but by applying this interactive method", Matthew says, "the audience gets to make the show their own. Plus, we are always able to keep the energy of the show up since we never know what songs we are going to play until just before the curtain rises. It's a bit like walking a tightrope!" "There are Beatles fans from yesterday and fans from today because their music is timeless," said Ryan McGuigan, "We bring the Beatles energy because they were like brothers," he added, "and for us, being brothers, we have that natural camaraderie and can look at each other and know what we are thinking. It also helps that the Beatles were practically our religion while growing up. We didn't have a Bible", he laughs, "we had the complete Beatles score." Inspired by their father, who was a big Beatles fan, the trio had always wanted to do something based on the English rock band from Liverpool. "Our dad loved their music, and as kids we couldn't afford to go to restaurants, so we provided our own entertainment," Billy said. "It was like a legacy he passed on to us, and we keep that going. Not only do we love it, but we look at each other while singing this music and it's like our dad is there with us." "The show runs for about two and a half hours, and includes a phenomenal light show and eye-popping sixties scenery. "It's an evening of absolutely great rock 'n' roll."

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Feb 18-21

by Robert Harling

The cast for *Steel Magnolias* is set, they are:
Truvy Jones - Leah Mensen, Annelle DuPuy-DeSoto - Kristi Potts, Clairee Belcher - Teresa LeRette, Shelby Eatenton-Latcherie - Allison Adams M'Lynn Eatenton - Kari Edie, Ouiser Boudreaux - Julie Rubey
The action is set in Truvy's beauty salon in Chinquapin, Louisiana, where all the ladies who are "anybody" come to have their hair done. Filled with hilarious repartee and not a few acerbic but humorously revealing verbal collisions, the play moves toward tragedy when, in the second act, the spunky Shelby (who is a diabetic) risks pregnancy and forfeits her life. The sudden realization of their mortality affects the others, but also draws on the underlying strength—and love—which give the play, and its characters, the special quality to make them truly touching, funny and marvelously amiable company in good times and bad.

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