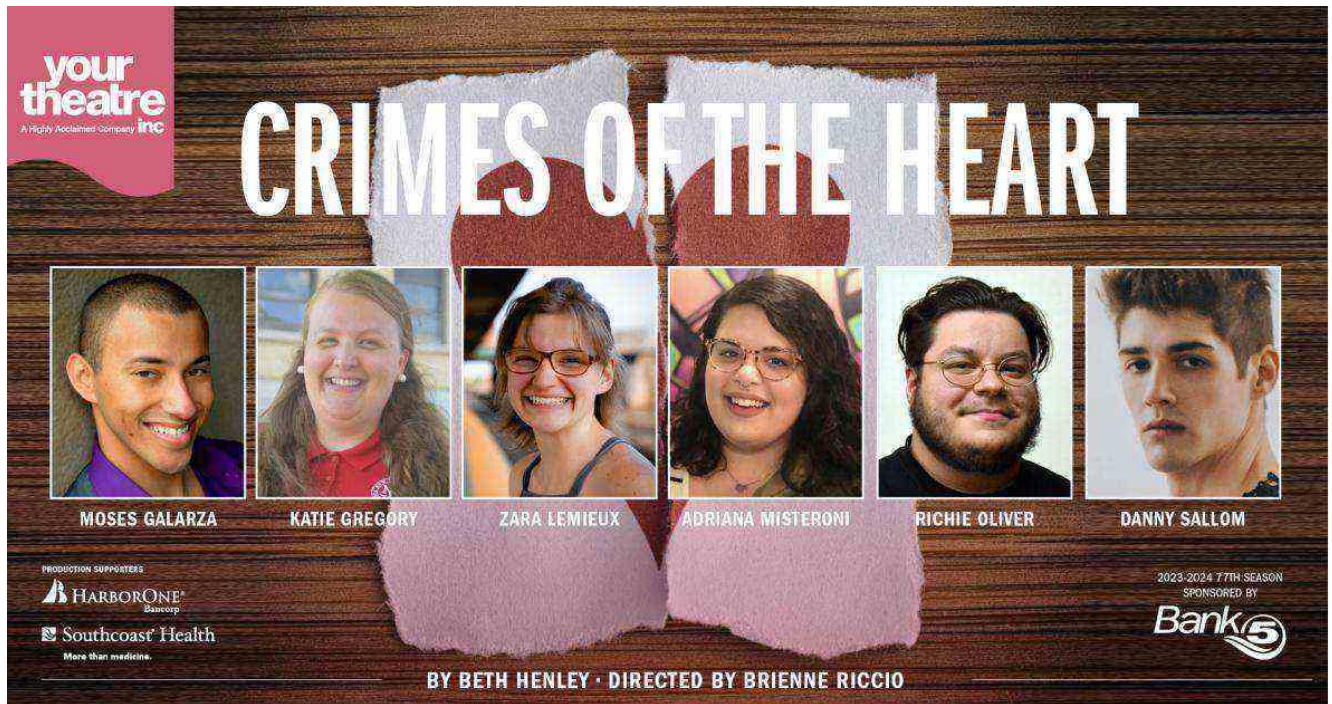


New Bedford's 'Your Theatre' announces local cast for Pulitzer-winning, 'Crimes Of The Heart'

Your Theatre Inc. Announces Cast for CRIMES OF THE HEART at the Steeple Playhouse Opening March 1, 2024.

Your Theatre, Inc. director Brienne Riccio of New Bedford has cast six area actors in Beth Henley's Pulitzer Prize-winning CRIMES OF THE HEART. This is the third major production for Your Theatre's 77th Season. This production is generously backed by Production Supporters HarborOne Bank and Southcoast Health.

The cast includes Katie Gregory, Zara Lemieux, Danny Sallom of New Bedford, Adriana Misteroni of Dartmouth, Moses Galarza of Fairhaven and Richie Oliver of Lakeville. The production is stage managed by Lauren Helley of Dartmouth, with costumes by Sydney Hawes and Aydan Sullo of New Bedford, set dressing by Mark P. Fuller of New Bedford, lighting and sound design by Timothy Helley of Dartmouth, props by Honey Bee Puder of Dartmouth, set design by Lauren Helley of Dartmouth and technical direction from Lawrence R. Houbre, Jr. of New Bedford.



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On stage cakes provided by Alie Lacasse of New Bedford. This show will not be your grandmother's CRIMES OF THE HEART but it will certainly be one to remember. Director Brienne Riccio's version will feature actors performing roles in drag to echo what Roger Ebert referred to as the line that "exists somewhere between parody and melodrama." This "love letter to the South" will satisfy your nostalgia, tug at your heartstrings, and tickle your funny bone.

For the first time in a decade, the three Magrath sisters are back together in their hometown of Hazelhurst, Mississippi. Lenny, the eldest, never left Hazelhurst; she is the caretaker of the sisters' cantankerous Old Granddaddy. Meg, the middle sister, left home to pursue stardom as a singer in Los Angeles, but so far has found happiness only at the bottom of a bottle. And Babe, the youngest, has just been arrested for the murder of her abusive husband, Zackery Bottrelle.

Under the scorching heat of the Mississippi sun, past resentments bubble to the surface in this Pulitzer Prize-winning tragicomedy, and each sister must confront the consequences of her own "crimes of the heart."

Your Theatre is grateful for the generous support of Bank 5, sponsor of the theatre's current 77th season. This is their twelfth year of strongly supporting the arts at Your Theatre, Inc.



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CRIMES OF THE HEART runs two weekends in 2024: Fridays and Saturdays, March 1-2 and 8-9 at 7:30 p.m.; and Saturdays and Sundays, March 2-3 and 9-10 at 2:00 p.m. Performances are at the wheelchair accessible Steeple Playhouse, 159 William St. in downtown New Bedford. The accessible entrance is located on the east side of the building facing City Hall.

This will be the entrance for all patrons for this show. Ample parking is available in the city lot at the corner of 6th and William, and metered street parking is free nights and weekends.

Tickets are General Admission \$25; Seniors, Students and Military \$22. All seats are open seating; call 508-993-0772 or email boxoffice@yourtheatre.org Your Theatre is proud to participate in the Card to Culture program, a collaboration between the Mass Cultural Council and the Department of Transitional Assistance, the Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Nutrition Program, and the Massachusetts Health Connector, by broadening accessibility to cultural programming. Admission for EBT, WIC, and ConnectorCare cardholders, is up to 2 tickets per eligible card for each Regular Production. Admission rate is \$5.00 per person.

ABOUT YOUR THEATRE, INC.

Your Theatre, Inc. is a non-profit, volunteer, community theater group in New Bedford, Massachusetts. Founded by Mary A. Smith in 1946, the theater has been in continuous operation since, and produces four to seven shows each season.

The artistic and leadership team of YTI strives to create and celebrate the arts with the Southcoast community in an inclusive theatre environment. We are committed to providing an accessible, community-oriented opportunity for anyone interested in theatre and embracing individuals from all walks of life.

We acknowledge, welcome and respect people of all races, ages, ethnicities, abilities, religions, gender identities and sexual orientations and the invaluable gifts they bring to the theatre experience. Your Theatre, Inc. is a proud member of the League of Historic American Theatres. More information at

www.YourTheatre.org.

ABOUT STEEPLE PLAYHOUSE

Steeple Playhouse is a community arts center with Your Theatre, Inc. as its resident community theater group and is located at 159 William St, New Bedford MA. A prominent downtown New Bedford landmark, the steeple appears on the city seal. Built in 1829 as the First Baptist Church, it came to be known as the "Birthplace of Robert's Rules of Order".

Purchased in 2017, Your Theatre, Inc worked with a local preservation organization, Waterfront Historic Area League (WHALE), to renovate the historic space and turn it into a fully functional community arts center called Steeple Playhouse. The facilities include a flexible theater which will seat up to 160 as well as a black box theater on the lower level. Wheelchair accessible, Steeple Playhouse is open for outside rentals. We are another vital catalyst in New Bedford's continued cultural renaissance."