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Recording Academy Invites 900 Members To Improve Diversity

The governing body of the Grammy Awards has invited 900 new members as it aims to become a more diverse organization. Each of the people who received invitations from the Recording Academy are members of the music industry who are either female, non-white, under 40 years old, or fit into several of those categories, according to Billboard.

— *The Associated Press*

Backstage Pass

INSIGHTS ON STAGE, SCREEN AND BEYOND

Classic Drama 'Steel Magnolias' Scheduled For The Sharon

By KRISTEN FIORE | *Daily Sun Senior Staff Writer*

Sit back, relax and immerse yourself in a classic drama about friendship and community at the Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center.

L.A. Theatre Works, which brought "The Mountaintop" to The Sharon earlier this year, will return to the venue with "Steel Magnolias" at 7 p.m. on Oct. 22.

"Steel Magnolias," written by Robert Harling, is a beloved piece of American theater about community and the strong bond between a group of Southern women as they face difficult personal decisions.

In the late '80s, it was made into a film starring Sally Field,

Julia Roberts and Dolly Parton. The show will be performed in L.A. Theatre Works' unique mixture of theater and classical radio drama.

The actors deliver their lines from behind microphones and create their own sound effects.

But unlike the shows the touring shows are enhanced with lighting, costumes and elaborate background projections.

"Our audiences love it," said

Susan Loewenberg, producing director of L.A. Theatre Works. "It's like watching a television show as a studio audience. People tell us over and over again that they become completely lost in the show. It just becomes a very vibrant experience."

And audiences can now experience a classic American play in this dynamic medium.

Loewenberg said they chose

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CHRIS EVANS

Chris Evans has wrapped his final performance as Captain America, saying his eight-year ride as the Marvel superhero "has been an honor." Evans on Thursday tweeted that his last shooting day was an "emotional day."



CHELSEA PERETTI

"Brooklyn Nine-Nine" is losing a major member of its cast. Chelsea Peretti announced she's leaving the popular police sitcom after portraying administrator Gina Linetti the past five seasons.



BIANNA GOLODRYGA

CBS News is adding Bianna Golodryga as a fourth anchor to its morning show. The network announced Wednesday that Golodryga will join Gayle King, Norah O'Donnell and John Dickerson at the table.

LOS ANGELES

Jon Favreau's 'Star Wars' Series Will Be About a Mandalorian

Get ready for "The Mandalorian." Jon Favreau has revealed some details about his upcoming live-action "Star Wars" TV series. "After the stories of Jango and Boba Fett, another warrior emerges in the 'Star Wars' universe," said Favreau in an Instagram post on Wednesday. "The Mandalorian" is set after the fall of the Empire and before the emergence of the First Order...

— The Associated Press

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to produce the play with a multi-racial cast, as that is more appropriate in this day and age.

"The play is still set in the '80s, because when we looked at it, it was so rooted in the '80s," she said. "So we kept the time frame during which it was originally conceived."

Inger Tudor, who plays M'Lynn in the show, said it's a wonderful play about relationships and community.

"I hope the audience walks away with the idea of the importance of having a community," Tudor said. "You have to find your people, and I hope they walk away with a sense of the importance of that, as well as an appreciation and acceptance for difference of personalities."

Tudor has done shows with L.A. Theatre Works before and said the unique format requires some adjustment with the way she delivers her acting.

"I think what it requires most is an incredible use of your imagination and your ears," Tudor said. "You have to hear what the person is saying and let it actually affect you."

Tudor wanted potential audience members to know "Steel Magnolias" is much more than a story about a bunch of women.

"I hope people come out to see it, and I hope that includes families and lots of men, as well," Tudor said. "There's something in there for everybody. There's a lot to the show."

Tickets to the show range in price from \$20 to \$60 and can be purchased online at thevillagesentertainment.com or at any Villages Box Office location.

Danny Boyle to Gather Britons on Beaches to Mark end of WWI

Boyle's Armistice Day event will involve thousands for Britons to gather on the beaches in remembrance.

The Associated Press

LONDON

Filmmaker Danny Boyle is urging thousands of people to gather on British beaches and make silhouettes in the sand on Nov. 11 to mark 100 years since the end of World War I.

Sand artists also will create giant portraits of people killed in the war, which will be washed away by the incoming tide, Boyle announced Friday.

The beachside commemoration caps four years of British cultural activities marking the centenary of the 1914-18 conflict, in which 20 million people died.

Boyle said beaches "are truly public spaces, where nobody rules other than the tide."

"They seem the perfect place to gather and say a final goodbye and thank you to those whose lives were taken or forever changed by the First World War," he said.

The "Trainspotting" and "Slumdog Millionaire" director stepped down earlier this year from the helm of the next James Bond film over what producers said were creative differences. He has been replaced by Cary Fukunaga.

Boyle said giving up the 007 job had helped create more

time to work on the World War I project.

"I was absolutely desperately keen to do this," said Boyle, who also directed the 2012 London Olympics opening ceremony. "My involvement in it would have been slightly compromised by that workload."

"But I was still very, very keen to do it because it's a real, proper privilege to do something like this where you hope to connect with everybody in the country in some way, as much as you can, rather than through your normal channels, like the box office."



British filmmaker Danny Boyle holds a photograph of Private Walter Bleakley, who lived on the same street where Boyle went to school, as he announces plans for his Armistice Day commission for 14-18 NOW, the UK's arts program for the First World War centenary, on the beach, in Folkestone, England.

Garth Fuller, The Associated Press

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