

# **F**irebelly Productions

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## **Canned Food for an Uncanny Comedy: Firebelly offers ‘Food on Fridays’ for *Crimes of the Heart***

(Arlington, VA) With the opening of Beth Henley’s Southern romp, Pulitzer prize-winning *Crimes of the Heart*, Firebelly Productions unveils its new Food on Fridays program. Theatergoers who donate two canned goods (to benefit the Arlington Food Assistance Center) receive a complimentary fourth ticket. Firebelly is delighted to offer high-quality, wallet-friendly theatre along with an opportunity to serve the community in these lean times. *Crimes of the Heart* runs from March 26 to April 19 at Theatre on the Run (3700 South Four Mile Run Drive, Arlington, Virginia).

The Food on Fridays program is well introduced by *Crimes of the Heart*--at its core a play about bringing people together in a difficult time. This dark comedy tells the story of three Mississippi sisters reunited to deal with the criminal charges facing youngest sister Babe for allegedly shooting her husband in the gut because she “didn’t like his stinking looks.”

In the process, the women come to terms with the pain of their past, making for intense drama wrapped in a Southern confection of comedy. “Each of these characters is tragic on their own,” says Director Patricia Foreman, “but we put them in one room and that’s where the comedy comes from...I’m trying to focus on the humanity and humor of the play.”

Foreman is also drawn to the story’s universal appeal. “It seems like a very specific, odd milieu, [but] everybody knows about families—the buttons they push. Everybody knows that.” Certainly, at the heart of *Heart* are the powerful bonds of family. Says Foreman, “None of them are complete people. They *become* complete by coming together.”

Firebelly was cited as one of the “top ten” small theatres in the Washington DC area offering “exemplary work” by the Examiner.com, 14 January 2009. Come and see why!

Firebelly offers 16 performances March 26 -- April 19, Thursdays – Saturdays at 8 pm and Sundays at 2 pm. Tickets: \$15 adult, \$12 Students/ Seniors 65+; Special rates: \$5.00 for Seniors 65+ on Sundays, Two-for-One Thursdays (two tickets for \$20), Food on Fridays (bring two canned goods to get a fourth ticket free), special rates available for groups of more than 4 (call 703.409.2372 for details). Special offer discount available only at the door. Box office opens 1 hour prior to performance. Other Tickets may be ordered by phone at 703.409.2372 or online at [www.firebellyproductions.net](http://www.firebellyproductions.net) via Instantseats

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