

A Strange and Interesting Musical...

Little Shop started as a campy horror film, written in several days by Charles Griffith over a few cups of coffee. The low-budget film, directed by Roger Corman and released in 1960, quickly became a cult classic and popular midnight movie. When Alan ("Whole New World") Menken and Howard ("Under the Sea") Ashman created the musical version in 1982, this Broadway hit quickly earned the New York Drama Critics Best Musical Award (1983) and played to sold-out houses. The musical was since popularized by the 1986 film directed by Frank Oz and starring Rick Moranis, Steve Martin, and Ellen Greene.

My initial thought was to write program notes comparing *Little Shop of Horrors* to *Faust* or to draw parallels between the plant's plot and historical attempts at world domination. I suppose I could discuss the deep significance of the man who essentially sells his soul to the devil in order to achieve love and fortune--but this is musical comedy.

Working with the actor/musicians who make up the cast of *Little Shop* has been a treat. Their talent, humor, and energy are a delight on stage and off. Our technical crew makes magic happen day and night. Special thanks go out to students Laura Ellis and Lizzie Lisha, whose leadership and expertise made the transition to a new director run smoothly. My heartfelt thanks to Adam Berns and Jonathan Erman, who have volunteered countless hours to make the technical and musical aspects of the show possible.

As I sit cramped in my new office, literally tangled in vines and buried under papers, I remember the real reasons why I chose to direct this show--catchy songs, a hilarious script, and the opportunity to work with a small cast and a huge, man-eating plant. So sit back, relax, and prepare for a bizarre ride!

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The Gunn High School Theatre Department Proudly Presents

HOWARD ASHMAN AND ALAN MENKEN'S
Little Shop of Horrors

BASED ON THE FILM BY ROGER CORMAN,
SCREENPLAY BY CHARLES GRIFFITH
PRODUCED WITH THE PERMISSION OF MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL

Production Staff

Director	Rachel Lurie
Student Director	Lizzie Lisha
Musical Director	William Liberatore
Assistant Musical Director	Jonathan Erman
Stage Manager	Laura Ellis
Choreography	Ayisha White
	Rachel Lurie & cast
Technical Director	Adam Berns
Set Design	Emily Rasmussen
Light Design	Becca Blitz
	Silja James
Costume Design	Susan Alstatt
	Arielle Bivas
Sound Design	Laura Anderson
Properties Design	Dana March
Publicity Head	Elena Veresh

There will be one ten-minute intermission. Please no food, drink, or flash photography in the theatre.

Cast

(in order of appearance)

Crystal	Lauren Haney
Ronnette	Annie Bunten
Chiffon	Hayden Rockson
Mr. Mushnik	Joe Kerckhoff
Audrey	Carly Helsaple
Seymour Krelborn	Craig Piaget
Orin Scrivello	Jeff Marquess
Voice of Audrey II	Daniel Krass
Denizens of Skid Row	Steven Maggiora
	Daniel Krass
	Ben Sanders
Plant Operators	Stella Aung
	Kevin Ball

Orchestra

Piano/Keyboard	Johnny Carlsson
Guitar	Jerome Mayer-Cantu
Percussion	Karl Scholz
Bass Guitar	Eric Wehrenberg-Klee

Crew

Assistant Stage Manager	Belin Liu
Master Carpenter	Dan Moberly
Assistant Master Carpenter	Nick Dulin
Head Painter	Peter Haptas
Assistant Head Painter	Emily Rasmussen
Construction	Sarah Anderson, Kevin Ball, Nick Dulin, Laura Ellis, Daniel Krass, Neil Satterlund, Brian Stempien, Max Taylor, Carrie Wilson
Assistant Light Design	Becca Blitz
Master Electrician	Becca Blitz, Silja James
Light Brigade	Becca Blitz, Laura Ellis, Silja James, Sarah Marquess
Properties	Raizin Bob-Waksberg Sara Morgan, Alex Soyfertis
Hair and Makeup	Tori Caloca, Gloria Osequera
Costume Crew	Caroline Damon, Shannon Jacklin, Jevana Noel, Lorraine Pfaender Lauren Sachs
Light Board Operator	Silja James
Sound Board Operator	Laura Anderson
Running Crew	Sarah Anderson, Stella Aung, Tori Caloca, Belin Liu, Negar Nasoohi, Neil Satterlund, Brian Stempien, Max Taylor
Publicity	Tori Caloca, Calvin Shin, Alex Soyfertis
House Managers	Sean Arthur, Elena Veresh
Poster Design	Elena Veresh
Program	H. Birdwell Rockson

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Mrs. Florence Ball
Mr. Rod March
Mrs. Jani Greving
Ms. Rachel Dion
Ms. Jo Greiner

and all of the wonderful parents who contributed with food, help
and continuous support!

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Johnson Bros. Puppets at (925) 560-1461.*

Gemina Attractions!

The Student Directed One Acts will perform on
May 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 2000 in the Studio Theater