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Village Theatre Announces Complete Cast and Creative Team for the Season Opening Production of **LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS**

Book and Lyrics by Howard Ashman

Music by Alan Menken

Based on the Film by Roger Corman

Screenplay by Charles Griffith

Directed by Brandon Ivie



Little Shop Of Horrors scenic rendering by Scenic Designer Tim Mackabee.
Photo courtesy of Village Theatre.

ISSAQUAH, WA (August 23, 2022) – Village Theatre has announced cast and creative team for their 22-23 season-opening production of the Tony Award-winning Broadway classic, ***Little Shop of Horrors***, by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman. With local actors **Kyle Nicholas Anderson** as Seymour and **Shanelle Nicole Leonard** playing the role of Audrey, ***Little Shop of Horrors*** will run in Issaquah from September 14-October 23, 2022 and in Everett from October 28-November 20, 2022. Single tickets can be purchased now through Village Theatre's

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Box Office in-person in Issaquah (303 Front Street, Issaquah) or Everett (2710 Wetmore Ave, Everett), by phone at (425) 392-2202, or online at VillageTheatre.org.

One of the longest-running Off-Broadway shows of all time, *Little Shop of Horrors* is a wildly entertaining spoof of 1950s sci-fi movies that's become a household name, many thanks to the hit score from the songwriting team that brought to life Disney's animation blockbusters *The Little Mermaid*, *Beauty and the Beast*, and *Aladdin*.

Director Brandon Ivie said, "I am so excited to get back to the gritty buoyancy that Howard Ashman originally envisioned in *Little Shop of Horrors*. I wouldn't call this a reimagining but I would hope to call it a re-energizing. *Little Shop of Horrors* can feel a little 'paint by numbers' which can leave it feeling fun but lacking bite. The cast we've assembled is diving into understanding what makes *Little Shop of Horrors* so equally funny, emotional, scary, and fully entertaining and that is going to make this *Little Shop of Horrors* feel fresh and full."

Village Theatre's *Little Shop of Horrors* cast features **Belle Shippy** as Crystal (HBO's *Here and Now*), **Brandi Birdsong** as Ronnette (Oregon Coast College: *West Side Story*), **Eric Polani Jensen** as Mushnik (Village Theatre: *She Loves Me*), **Shanelle Nicole Leonard** as Audrey (Village Theatre: *My Heart Is the Drum*), **Kyle Nicholas Anderson** as Seymour (Village Theatre: *Guys & Dolls*), **Nick Watson** as Orin Scrivello D.D.S. (Village Theatre: *Guys & Dolls*), **Kennedy Salters** as The Voice of Audrey II (Broadway: *Waitress*), and **John David Scott** as Audrey II Puppeteer (Village Theatre: *Guys & Dolls*).

Understudies include **Ania Briggs** (Chiffon, Audrey), **Elsa Miller** (Chiffon, Crystal), **Jadyn Muralt** (Ronnette, The Voice of Audrey II), **Josh Krupke** (Mushnik), **Brad Lo Walker** (Seymour), and **Vincent Milay** (Orin Scrivello D.D.S., Audrey II Puppeteer).

The creative team features Director **Brandon Ivie**, Music Directors **Aaron M. Davis Norman** and **Tim Symons**, Choreographer **Randy Ford**, Associate Music Director **Aimee Hong**, Associate Choreographer **Robbi Moore**, Scenic Designer **Tim Mackabee**, Costume Designer **Sarafina Bush**, Lighting Designer **Robert Aguilar**, Wig & Hair Designer **Kaleena Jordan**, Sound Designer **Kurt Conway**, Stage Manager **Shay Trusty**, Assistant Stage Manager **Stefania Giron Zuluaga**, and Dramaturg **Jeanette Sanchez-Izenman**.

ABOUT THE SHOW

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Romance! Murder! Doo-wop! Aliens! A wildly entertaining dark sci-fi musical comedy, *Little Shop of Horrors* follows the misadventures of a lowly floral shopkeeper who discovers a seemingly harmless new breed of plant (with a secret taste for human blood) that carries ambitions that threaten our hero's romantic inclinations... and the world! From the writing team who brought us Disney's animation blockbusters *The Little Mermaid*, *Beauty and the Beast*, and *Aladdin*, this Broadway classic blends the sounds of rock and Motown that is considered one of the funniest musical comedies of all time. Warning: Don't feed the plants!

WHERE:

Village Theatre

Francis J. Gaudette Theatre
303 Front Street N, Issaquah

Everett Performing Arts Center (EPAC)
2710 Wetmore Avenue, Everett

WHEN:

September 14-November 20, 2022

Issaquah - September 14 - October 23, 2022
Everett - October 28 - November 20, 2022

Select Wednesdays - 7:30 p.m.
Thursdays - 1:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Fridays - 8:00 p.m.
Saturdays - 1:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.
Sundays* - 1:00 p.m.

*Select Sundays at 7:00 p.m.

TICKETS:

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ABOUT VILLAGE THEATRE

Based in Issaquah, WA, with operations in Everett, WA, Village Theatre is a leading producer of musical theatre in the Pacific Northwest. Producing entertaining, quality productions since 1979, Village Theatre has grown into one of the region's best-attended theatres. Through its Village Originals program, Village Theatre is nationally recognized for its contribution to the development of new musicals, having supported the creation of over 180 new works to date. Village Theatre also takes pride in nurturing tomorrow's audiences through its Youth Education programs, serving thousands of young people and their families annually.

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