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Slinger High School Presents

LITTLE SHOP
&
HORRORS

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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

Originally produced by the WPA Theatre (Kyle Renick, Producing Director)

Originally produced at the Orpheum Theatre, New York City by the WPA
Theatre, David Geffen, Cameron Mackintosh and the Shubert Organization

A Note From The Directors

As the world turned upside down and every type of live entertainment went dark, all of us remained determined to find a way to bring live musical theater back to Slinger – especially for the Seniors in this cast and crew. The long list of missed experiences and special events that continued to be postponed or cancelled, just made us more determined to produce a musical this year. After all, we truly believe the “show must go on” is the best life philosophy.

Multiple shows were considered and discarded over many months – until we finally landed on a show that seemed just right! Not too big a cast, not too many musicians, not too demanding technically – just perfect! And could anything be more fitting for this time and place in history, than a musical about the end of the world?

We are extremely proud of what you will see tonight. We hope you fully escape from your daily life for the next few hours and celebrate with us the ridiculous situations, shared laughter and pure joy we feel in bringing you –
Little Shop of Horrors!

Jo, Emily & Heidi

CAST



Grace Banwart as *Crystal (Urchin)*

Grace Banwart is a sophomore this year at Slinger High School and this is her first year involved in the school musical. Outside of the show, she is involved in tennis through the school, the Slinger choir, and is a student of StudioSpace in Brookfield! She hopes everyone enjoys seeing the show as she did being a part of the cast.



Anthony George as *Orin/Wino #2*



Sophia - Gray as *Mr. Mushnik*

Sophia Gray is so excited to be returning to the Slinger High School stage for her sophomore year show! She's incredibly excited to play the role of Mr. Mushnik. You may recognize her from last year's show, *Mary Poppins*, where she played Jane Banks. You might have spotted her in other local performances as well, such as playing Anne Frank in the Kettle Moraine Player's' production of *The Diary of Anne Frank*. When not in rehearsals for the musical, Sophia is an active member of Slinger's choir department and the forensics team. She can't wait to see you stop by Mushnik's Skid Row Florist Shop!



Aaron Haas as *Audrey II/Wino #1*

Aaron Haas is a Freshman who will be performing as a Wino, as well as voicing Audrey II. Though this is his first high school musical, he was previously the Genie in the middle school's *Aladdin Jr.*, as well as in many different theatrical performances at the Hartford Schauer Center. Besides acting, he's also a member of DECA, FCA, the Boy's Tennis Team, and Science Olympiad, as well as the band choir. Outside of school, he carries music into playing piano, and is a member of Boy Scouts, having earned Eagle Scout this past December. He hopes you enjoy the show!



Mariah Kiefer as *Ronette (Urchin)*

Mariah Kiefer is a sophomore at Slinger High School. She will be performing as Ronette, a street urchin from Skid Row. This is her first musical with SHS. Mariah has had roles in musicals such as *Alice in Wonderland*, and *Peter Pan* with the theater companies Rising Star and Missuola at the Schauer Arts Center in Hartford. Outside of the musical, she is a member of Peers for Peers, JSA, and plays basketball. Mariah hopes you enjoy *Little Shop of Horrors*!

CAST

Sarah Labinski as *Chiffon (Urchin)*



Sarah is ecstatic to be playing Chiffon in this year's production of *Little Shop of Horrors!* She is a four year senior and has been blessed to have been able to perform in Slinger's *Hello Dolly!*, *Wizard of Oz*, and as Mrs. Brill in *Mary Poppins!* Additionally, she was a part of the production crew for SHS's *Once Upon a Mattress* in 8th grade. Sarah has also performed in many community theater productions, such as *Oliver!* and *James and the Giant Peach*. Beyond the musical, Sarah is co-captain of both the forensics team and drumline in marching band, and has been involved in multiple choirs, wind ensemble, golf, and the spring play. Sarah is looking forward to studying Elementary Education at St. Norbert College in the fall! She is excited to perform one last time on this incredible stage and hopes you sit back, relax, and steer clear of talking plants...

Jordan Lee as *Audrey*



Jordan is thrilled to be taking on one of her dream roles for her senior year! Jordan has been involved in the musical for the past 4 years and is excited to continue her musical theatre career as a Musical Theatre Major at Columbia Chicago this fall. Jordan is incredibly proud of her fellow cast and crew members and hopes you enjoy the show!

Abigale Nickel as *Mercedes (Urchin)*



Abigale Nickel is so excited to be performing in *Little Shop of Horrors* for you this evening as the street urchin Mercedes! She is a junior in high school and working with this team has been the highlight of high school through the past 3 years. In *Mary Poppins* she had the honor of playing Queen Victoria and though she misses the wig, she promises this production will surely measure up. Outside of the musical, Abigale is also a very involved musician, the Director of Activism for the school's JSA, and a national qualifying forensics competitor. Tonight, she is thrilled to share a piece of her heart through this wonderful production and hopes you enjoy the show!

Emma Niemczyk as *Chanel (Urchin)*



Emma Niemczyk is a freshman at Slinger High School, and will be performing as Chanel. This is her first musical with SHS and she will be playing an ensemble role. Her previous musical theatre experience is being a supporting lead character in her eighth grade musical *Aladdin Jr.* Outside of the musical, she is involved in choir. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Colette Poree as *Trixie (Urchin)/Mrs. Luce*



Colette Poree is entering her Senior year at Slinger High School, and will be performing as Mrs. Luce, and "Trixie". This is her second musical with SHS. She was also in *Mary Poppins* as Fanny Corey & Ensemble. Outside of the musical, Colette enjoys choir, forensics, and art. She's active in volunteer work; and loves to spend time in the Wisconsin Dells with her family. Colette hopes you enjoy the show!

CAST

Reilly Steenbekkers as *Every Other Male Character*



Reilly Steenbekkers was a freshman this year at Slinger High School. He previously worked with Musical Masquers in their production of *Oliver!* as a member of the ensemble. Outside of theater, he participates in soccer, track, forensics, choir, and band. Reilly would like to thank his parents and the rest of his family for their constant support in everything he does. He hopes you enjoy the show!

Riley Vetter as *Vickie (Urchin)*



Riley Vetter is a sophomore this year at Slinger High School, and will be performing as Vickie, a street urchin on Skid Row. This is her first musical ever, and she is very humbled to be a part of such an amazing cast. Outside of the musical, she is a member of Slinger's Student Council, is a varsity alpine ski racer for the Slinger-Hartford Ski Team, and likes singing in choir at school. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Gillanne Wagner as *Jasmine (Urchin)*



Gillanne Wagner was a junior at Slinger High School this year and was ecstatic when it was announced that the musical would happen. Gillanne has been in the last two Slinger productions; in *The Wizard of Oz* she played an apple throwing tree and in *Mary Poppins* she played the Teddy Bear. She has appeared in a few musicals at the Schauer Arts Center; in *The Secret Garden* she played the Robin and in *101 Dalmations* she played Nanny. Gillanne is an active member of Slinger's Science Olympiad team and National Honors Society. She has had a wonderful time preparing for this show and she hopes you enjoy it just as much!

Adam Wojtasiak as *Seymour*



Adam Wojtasiak is a Junior this year, and will be performing as Seymour Krelborn. When Adam found out Slinger was doing *Little Shop of Horrors*, he was ecstatic. He was so excited to have the chance to play a part in one of his favorite shows. When he found out he got cast as Seymour, he was blown away. This is Adam's first lead role, and he couldn't be more thankful. Adam is very happy he could play into his clumsy and awkward personality for this part! Unfortunately, he is now deathly afraid of plants. Adam is very grateful Slinger is able to have a show this year and would like to thank the directors and his Mom, Dad, and Andy for their help. He hopes you eat up the show!

Julianna Duerst - *Stage Manager*



This is Julianna's fourth year doing stage crew for the musicals! As stage manager she is in charge of making sure everything runs smoothly behind the scenes. Despite it being delayed, she is very excited to be able to have a musical this year. Throughout the last four years Julianna has learned the ins and outs of backstage and is extremely grateful for all the memories she has made. Julianna hopes you have a great time and enjoy the show.

CREW



Maria Bardas
Backstage



Morgan Koltermann
Puppeteer/Backstage



Scarlet Dickau
Lights



Lilly Kulbeck
Backstage



Andrew George
Backstage



Sydney Leis
Sound



Lillian Kind
Backstage



Kylie Lieven
Lights

CREW



Willow Noorlag
Puppeteer/Backstage



Erica Rosner
Lights



Grace Ourada
Backstage



Ruby Schneider
Backstage



Addie Rahmlow
Backstage



Maggie Slizewski
Puppeteer/Backstage



Kate Scroggins
Backstage

STAFF

Production Staff

Heidi Lofy - Director
Emily Lofy - Director
Jo Husslein - Director
Howard Husslein - Set design/Construction
Lori Hassig - Vocal director
Melissa Kaiser - Choreographer
Lori Matasek - Costumes

Tech Staff

Tom Matasek - Director
Tori Fristed - Lighting
Evan Seivers - Video
Ben Westerman - Sound

Pit Band

Ben Titus - Conductor
Hazel Griffin - Keys 1
Jon Robinson - Keys 2
Marshall Mauney - Guitar
Bill Drime I - Bass
Jim Van Deusen - Drums

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