

Pierz Healy High School Proudly Presents

**LITTLE SHOP
OF
HORRORS**



March 26 and 27 at 7 PM

March 28 at 2 PM

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streamed performance**

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Book and Lyrics by Howard Ashman and Music by Alan Menken

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PRESENTS

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Book by Music by Lyrics by
Howard Ashman Alan Menken Howard Ashman

Based on the Film by Roger Corman
Screenplay by Charles Griffith

Featuring

Jaron Gross Tori Mitchell

Colby Hecimovich Michael Faust

Jaden Lindeman Connor Kruse

Ellie Fischer McKayla Misbe Abby Skwira Breanna Storkamp Hailey Koch Brean Luberts

Ethan Thesing Trent Jueten

Emily Sadlovsky Kaleah Olesch

Directed by
Iris Kolodji

Choreography by
Kim Horning

Pit Orchestra Directed By
Joel Pohland

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Act I

Prologue.....	Orchestra
Little Shop of Horrors.....	Girls
Skid Row.....	Company
Da-Doo.....	Girls and Seymour
Grow for Me.....	Seymour and Plant
You Never Know.....	Mushnik, Seymour, Girls
Somewhere That's Green.....	Audrey
Closed for Renovation.....	Seymour, Audrey, Mushnik
Be a Dentist.....	Orin and Girls
Mushnik & Son.....	Mushnik and Seymour
Sudden Changes.....	Seymour
Git It.....	Audrey II, Seymour, Girls
Now (It's The Gas).....	Orin and Seymour
Act I (Finale).....	Girls and Audrey II

Act II

Call Back in the Morning.....	Seymour and Audrey
Suddenly Seymour.....	Seymour, Audrey, Girls
Suppertime.....	Audrey II, Girls
The Meek Shall Inherit.....	Ensemble, Girls, Seymour
Sominex/Suppertime Reprise.....	Audrey and Audrey II
Death of Audrey.....	Girls
Finale.....	Company

A Note on COVID and Theater

In the making of this production, all cast members were completely masked during every rehearsal. However, Per *Executive Order 20-81* (see below), you will observe cast members maskless at various times throughout the show. Please see below for more information.

Masks: Executive Order 20-81 addresses the use of masks in public, indoor spaces:

“Face coverings ... may be temporarily removed under the following circumstances:

c. When testifying, speaking or performing in a public indoor space, in situations or settings such as theaters ... provided that social distancing is always maintained.”

<https://www.leg.mn.gov/archive/execorders/20-81.pdf> • *The MSHSL interprets the Executive Order to mean that masks should be worn during the performance unless a performer is speaking. When a performer is speaking, he/she can remove the mask provided that he/she is distanced from other performers.”*

- In an effort to keep the cast, crew, pit, and audience safe please keep your mask on and worn correctly for the entirety of the performance so we can continue to have live performances

Disclaimer

Pierz ISD #484 does not condone violence. Prop weapons are used in this production. You will also observe scenes depicting domestic violence that some may find triggering.

Performance Etiquette

We ask that you please be considerate of performers and other audience members by observing the following:

- Wait Until a musical selection or scene is completed before entering or exiting
- Do not distract the performers or other audience members by talking or commenting during the performance
- Silence electronic devices and clicking camera
- Please keep your mask on and worn correctly for the entirety of the performance to keep those around you safe so we can continue to have live performances

We appreciate your support in providing a positive and successful theater environment for all performers and audience members.

Any video and/or audio recording of this production is strictly prohibited.

CAST

Seymour KrelbornJaron Gross
AudreyTori Mitchell
Mr. MushnikColby Hecimovich
Voice of the PlantMichael Faust
Orin Scrivello/DentistJaden Lindeman
Audrey II PuppeteerConnor Kruse

The Girls

Ellie Fischer, McKayla Misbe, Abby Skwira, Breanna Storkamp, Hailey Koch, and Bre Luberts

Ensemble

Skip Snip/Customer/EnsembleEthan Thesing
Mr. Bernstien/EnsembleTrent Jueten
Mrs.Luce/Interviewer/EnsembleEmily Sadlovsky
Ensemble.....Kaleah Olesch



ORCHESTRA

Reed 1Kaylee Becker, Courtney Kroll, and Caleb Kuske
Reed 2Abby Nelson and Kiara Olesch
TrumpetJazmine Dickmann, Alyssa Thesing, and Lance Otremba
TromboneKaleah Olesch
TubaLandon Schomer
KeyboardsJakob Hyatt and Joan Novak
Drum SetCreo Block
PercussionMichelle Mennis

CREW

Stage Manager Payton Stangl
SpotlightAdriana Hastings and Marissa Otremba
Sound/Light BoardErin Thesing and Maya Thesing

Stage Hand/Backstage

Eden Andres, Layla Bestinger, Levi Steiner, Kylee Andria, Keira Gray, Connor Happke

Set and Prop Design and Decoration

Art Club: Megan Schlegel, Kaitlyn Smude, Daizy Dickmann, Levi Steiner, Bre Luberts, and
Maya Thesing

WHO'S WHO *in the cast*



JARON GROSS

(*Seymour Krelborn*) is the son of Joel & Nicole Gross. He has played Lumiere in *Beauty and the Beast*, Gomez in *The Addams Family*, Lord Pinkelton in *Cinderella*, Cat in the Hat in *Seussical*, Peter Pan in *Shrek*, and helped with lights and sound in *Oklahoma*. His favorite memory was being able to be around his closest friends again, doing what they all love. “Thank you to my friends, family, and teachers for pushing me to become the best performer and person I can be.”



TORI MITCHELL (*Audrey*) is the daughter of Dave & Kari Mitchell. She has played Granny in *Into the Woods*, Kitchen Wench, Wicked Witch in *Shrek*, Chris Gorman in *Rumors*, Mrs. Potts in *Beauty and the Beast*, Sarah in *The Actor's Nightmare*, Morticia in *The Addam's Family*, Madame in *Cinderella*, and she directed *And Then There Were None*. Her favorite memory was hanging out before rehearsal and becoming close with the cast. “I’d like to thank my parents for always supporting me and encouraging me to do the things I

love. They have always been my biggest fans and I’d never be where I am today without them.”



COLBY HECIMOVICH (*Mr. Mushnik*) is the son of Josh Nordgren & Shannon Hecimovich. Colby has played Sebastian in *Cinderella*, Glenn Cooper in *Rumors*, Mr. Green in *Clue*, and Mr. Blore in *And Then There Were None*. His favorite memory was when they first unboxed the plant. “I would like to thank you seniors in this musical/pit and in previous performances for not being not only friends, but also becoming a musical family in the process.”



MICHAEL FAUST (*Voice of the Plant*) is the son of Brian & Ginny Faust. This is Michael's first production. His favorite memory was Colby practicing his screams.



JADEN LINDEMAN (*Orin Scrivello/Dentist*) is the son of Bryan & Heidi Bruse. Jaden has played the role of Jean-Michel in *Cinderella*, Justice Wargrave in *And Then There Were None*, and Bob Cratchit in *A Christmas Story*. Jaden's favorite memory was performing the dentist choreography for the first time.



CONNOR KRUSE (*Audrey II Puppeteer*) is the son of Lowell Kruse & Amy Kruse. This is Connor's first production. His favorite memory is the multiple practices they had.



ELLIE FISCHER (*One of The Girls*) is the daughter of Shawn & Beth Fischer. Ellie has played the role of the Wardrobe in *Beauty and the Beast*, Grandma Addams in *The Addams Family*, and Fairy Godmother in *Cinderella*. Her favorite memory was watching Colby and Jaron perform *Mushnick and Son*. “Thank you to my parents for always supporting me and everyone for coming!”



MCKAYLA MISBE (*One of The Girls*) is the daughter of Chris Misbe & Missy Hemmesch. This is McKayla’s first production. Her favorite memory was when we first watched Colby and Jaron perform “*Mushnik and Son*.” “Thank you to Ms. Koloji for pushing me out of my comfort zone and encouraging trying out for the musical.”



ABBY SKWIRA (*One of The Girls*) is the daughter of Jeremy & Robyn Skwira. Abby has played the part of Vera Claythorne in *And Then There Were None*, Mrs. Peacock in *Clue*, First Lady in *Cinderella*, Saloon Girl in *The Addams Family*, a Student in *This is a Test*, and helped as a Stage Manager for *Beauty and the Beast*. Her favorite memory from this show was one of the nights they were practicing in the band room. Jaron and Colby showed the rest of the cast the “*Mushnik and Son*” dance for the very first time. They were so into it - her stomach hurt from laughing so hard! “A thank you to all who helped put together this show. Big or small, the pieces of this musical you’ve helped create don’t go unnoticed. Thank you to Ms. K for all she

has done for this production and to Mrs. Horning for her amazing choreography. To the janitors, set builders, art club, administrators, and techies. A special shout out to the seniors for being the best group of leaders us underclassmen could ever ask for, we will miss you so much next year! My biggest thank you, though, is to my parents for being my biggest supporters throughout the years, always cheering me on - love you guys lots! And of course everyone who showed up to support us tonight! We couldn't do it without you!



BREANNA STORKAMP (*One of the Girls*) is the daughter of Christopher Storkamp & Equeena Roehrich. Breanna has played The Enchantress in *Beauty and the Beast*, a student in *This is a Test*, an ancestor in *The Addams Family*, a towns person in *Cinderella*, and Scarlet in *Clue*. Her favorite memory was hanging out with the cast and getting very close with them, and going out for ice cream. “Thank you to my mom and dad for always supporting me through

everything.”



HAILEY KOCH (*One of The Girls*) is the daughter of Brad & Heather Koch. This is Hailey's first production. Her favorite memory was watching Colby perform “Mushnik and Son” for the first time at practice. She also loved Tori singing in “Suddenly Seymour the first time they ran through Act 2. “Thank you to Ms. Kolodji for holding us to such high standards and the cast, crew, and pit for working so hard to put this together to be amazing!”



BRE LUBERTS (*One of the Girls*) is the daughter of Justin and Sara Luberts. This is Bre's first production on stage, in the past she has worked backstage on *Cinderella* and the *Addams Family*. Her favorite memory from this show has been watching *Mushnik and Son* with the girls. She would like to thank Ms. Kolodji for getting her to audition for the show!



ETHAN THESING (*Skip Snip/Customer 1/Ensemble*) is the son of Eric Thesing & Nicole Johnson. Ethan has been a part of the ensemble in *Annie*, Young Shrek in *Shrek*, the ensemble in *Beauty and the Beast*, Evan in *This is a Test*, Indian Ancestor in *The Addams Family*, Wadsworth in *Clue*, the ensemble in *Cinderella*, Gramophone in *And Then There Were None*, and Nephew in *A Christmas Carol*. His favorite memory is just hanging out with the cast.



TRENT JUETTEN (*Mr. Bernstein/Ensemble*) is the son of Christopher Juetten. Trent has played Gambler in *The Addams Family*, Professor Plum in *Clue*, The Official in *Cinderella*, Anthony Marston in *And Then There Were None*, and Christmas Future in *A Christmas Carol*. His favorite memory is doing “The Meek Shall Inherit.” “I’d like to say thank you to everyone who came to the show and thank you to everyone who’s been by my side helping me and being supportive.”



EMILY SADLOVSKY (*Ms. Luce/Interviewer/Ensemble*) is the daughter of Jason & Jennifer Sadlovsky. Emily has also been a part of the ensemble in *Cinderella*, and an orphan in *Annie*. Her favorite memory was all the fun times at practice with the cast and getting to know other people better that she otherwise would not have known. “Thank you to my family and friends for supporting me and pushing me to be the best person I can be. I also want to thank Ms. Kolodji and Mrs. Horning for all of your hard work and understanding when I had to be absent from practices for basketball.”



Kaleah Olesch (*Ensemble*) is the daughter of Shawn & Amie Olesch. Kaleah has played an ancestor in *The Addams Family*, and Yvonne in *Cinderella*. Her favorite memory was when they all gathered at Abby's house and talked for hours. They played some Just Dance and sang 'How Far I'll Go' from *Moana*. "Thank you to my parents for always supporting me. Thank you to Ms. Kolodji for being an amazing director for this great show. Thank you to Mr. Pohland for transposing trumpet music for this show to trombone music so I could play in the pit band. Thanks to the seniors for always making me laugh at practices and making my day so much better. The seniors make practices so much fun. I will miss all of you next year."

WHO'S WHO in the orchestra

KAYLEE BECKER (*Reed I*) is the daughter of Robbie & Kelly Becker. Kaylee has also played in the pit band for *Beauty and the Beast*, *Oklahoma*, *The Addams Family*, and *Cinderella*. Her favorite memory was during practices when Mr. Pohland sang the lines and tried to be all the different characters, which always cracked everyone up. "I would like to thank my sister, Katelyn, for convincing me to join the pit band back in 2017. I would also like to thank Mr. Pohland for always pushing me to do my best. I enjoy every second with the pit members. To me, they are my second family."

COURTNEY KROLL (*Reed I*) is the daughter of Allan & Kristie Kroll. Abby has played in the pit band for *Oklahoma* and *Cinderella*. Her favorite memory was the constant laughs about the most random topics during pit practice. "I would like to say thank you to Mr. Pohland for all of his dedication and encouragement during our practices these past weeks. I appreciate him putting confidence in me to play a different instrument. And of course all of the delicious meals he made for us."

CALEB KUSKE (*Reed I*) is the son of Paul & Joyce Kuske. Caleb has helped with lights for *Beauty and the Beast* and *The Addams Family*, and played in the pit band for *Cinderella*. His favorite memory was when Mr. Pohland sang along to the songs as they played them. "I just want to thank Mr. Pohland for being the best possible band director we could have, always making practices fun and goofy, and always being there for his students."

ABBY NELSON (*Reed II*) is the daughter of Marilyn Hayes. Abby has played in the pit band for *Shrek*, *Once Upon a Mattress*, *Oklahoma*, *The Addams Family*, and *Cinderella*. Her favorite memory was when during a practice the band stopped playing for a while because they were all laughing so hard. Everyone would say something else and they would start laughing again. They

laughed so much that they were sore the next day. It was so much fun. “I would like to thank Mr. Pohland for making the pit band such a fun experience. Although it can be difficult at times, he has made it very memorable, rewarding, and enjoyable. I would like to thank Joan for taking time out of her schedule to come and play with us. We are very lucky to have her! I would like to thank Mrs. Kolodji for making this musical a lot of fun and being so supportive of everyone in the cast, pit, and crew.”

KIARA OLESCH (*Reed II*) is the daughter of Shawn & Amie Olesch. Kiara has played in the pit band for *Cinderella*, and *The Addam’s Family*. Her favorite memory was listening to Mr. Pohland when he sang every part while they rehearsed and when they played volleyball in the band room. “Thanks Mr. Pohland for supervising us pit banders. Thanks seniors for making this musical one of the best. Thanks Ms. Kolodji for organizing this awesome musical. And thanks Abby Nelson for driving me to school every day.”

JAZMINE DICKMANN (*Trumpet*) is the daughter of Josh Dickmann & Linda Dickmann. Jazmine has played in the pit band for *Oklahoma*, *The Addams Family*, and *Cinderella*. Her favorite memory was Thunder and Lightning. “Thank you to Mr. Pohland for always putting 110% into the shows and making rehearsals enjoyable.”

ALYSSA THESING (*Trumpet*) is the daughter of Chad & Meghan Thesing. Alyssa has played in the pit band for *Oklahoma*, *Cinderella*, and *The Addam’s Family*. Her favorite memory was having practices after school because they always had a great time. “I would like to thank my family for supporting me through everything.”

LANCE OTREMBIA (*Trumpet*) is the son of Bob & Tina Otremba. Lance has played the role of Mat Hatter in *Shrek*, and Baker in *Beauty and the Beast*. His favorite memory was almost (not really) breaking the drums playing volleyball in the band room. “Thanks to the community for their support in the limited amount of activities we have been able to have.”

KALEAH OLESCH (*Shuri/Trombone*) is the daughter of Shawn & Amie Olesch. Kaleah has played an ancestor in *The Addams Family*, and Yvonne in *Cinderella*. Her favorite memory was when they all gathered at Abby’s house and talked for hours. They played some Just Dance and sang ‘How Far I’ll Go’ from *Moana*. “Thank you to my parents for always supporting me. Thank you to Ms. Kolodji for being an amazing director for this great show. Thank you to Mr. Pohland for transposing trumpet music for this show to trombone music so I could play in the pit band. Thanks to the seniors for always making me laugh at practices and making my day so much better. The seniors make practices so much fun. I will miss all of you next year.”

LANDON SCHOMER (*Tuba*) is the son of Howie & Kelly Schomer. Landon has played the been a part of the children’s choir in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Winthrop*

in *Music Man*, Jack in *Into the Woods*, Knight in *Princess and the Pea*, Monsieur D'Arque/Alpha Wolf in *Beauty and the Beast*, Lurch in *The Addams Family*, and Giant in *Cinderella*. He has played in the pit band for *Cinderella*. His favorite memory was during one of their practices. He was unable to make it to the majority of practice and he came towards the end of the rehearsal and it was just a great time to talk to everyone for a long time and hang out. "I want to thank my family and friends for always being there. I also want to thank Mr. Pohland and Mr. Mathwig for investing so much time and energy so that I can be a successful musician."

JACOB HYATT (*Keyboard II*) is the son of Joe & Amanda Hyatt. Jacob has played in the pit band for *Beauty and the Beast*, *Oklahoma*, *Cinderella*, & *The Addams Family*. His favorite memory was "The Gas... It turns me on." "Thank you to Mr. Pohland and Ms. K for doing this for all of us students! It's amazing to be a part of the musicals again!"

JOAN NOVAK (*Keyboard I*) has been a staple of the Pierz music world for many years. She is excited to be joining the pit of Little Shop!

CREO BLOCK (*Drumset*) is the son of Todd & Patti Block. Creo has played in the pit band for *The Addams Family*, and *Cinderella*. His favorite memory was pit band rehearsals.

MICHELLE MENNIS (*Percussion*) is currently the elementary music teacher at Pioneer Elementary and coaches Junior High tennis. She graduated from Northern State University (Aberdeen, SD) with her bachelor's degree in music education (May 2015) and master's degree in music education (May 2019). She studied woodwinds with a concentration on saxophone & bassoon. She has played in a pit orchestra for several shows throughout her collegiate & professional career including *Phantom of the Opera*, *Legally Blonde*, *White Christmas*, *Monty Python and The Holy Grail*, *Young Frankenstein*, *A Christmas Story*, *Hairspray*, and *Cinderella*. Prior to teaching in Pierz, Michelle taught K-5 elementary music for one year in Aberdeen, SD and for 3 years in West Fargo, ND. Michelle remains active in the community including volunteering, playing in both the CLC wind symphony and Wahpeton/Breckenridge community band, and sings in the Wahpeton/Breckenridge community choir.

WHO'S WHO in the crew

PAYTON STANGL (*Stage Manager*) is the daughter of Scott Stangl & Sara Henagin. Payton has also been a part of two shows in elementary school. Her favorite memory was when she got to meet everyone.

ERIN THESING (*Crew*) is the daughter of Chad & Meghan Thesing. Erin has played the part of Aladdin in *Abracadabra Aladdin*. Her favorite memory was when Ms. Koodji told her and

Maya to go and paint the bones red, and when she came out she said they needed way more blood.

MAYA THESING (*Lights/Sound*) is the daughter of Eric Thesing & Nicole Johnson. Maya has played the role of an orphan in *Annie*, helped with lights for *And Then There Were None*, and as stage stage help for *A Christmas Carol*. Her favorite memory was when she, Eden, and Erin got to bring paint to the janitor's office.

LAYLA BETSINGER (*Crew*) is the daughter of Dustin & Janel Betsinger. Layla has played the role of Curtains in *Abracadabra Aladdin*.

CONNOR HAPPKE (*Crew*) is the son of Jennifer Cluka. Connor has been a part of the crew for *Cinderella*. His favorite memory was helping out with the show.

LEVI STEINER (*Crew*), **KYLEE ANDRIA** (*Crew*), **KERIA GRAY** (*Crew*),
EDEN ANDRES (*crew*), **ADRIANA HASTING** (*Spotlight*), and **MARISSA OTREMBA**
(*Spotlight*)

***This show has been brought to you with love, collaboration, and
dedication by the following people***

Kim Horning, *Dance Direction/Choreographer*

Kim has been choreographing the Pierz musicals for the past 3 years. She did “The Addams Family” and “Cinderella”. She was a drama student at Healy High School before they started doing musical theater. She has enjoyed singing and dancing as part of the ensembles in the Pierz Community Theatre productions of *Annie* and *Seussical: The Musical*. She loves to do the summer productions with her two daughters, Fiona and Ella, who are also aspiring actresses. Their biggest fan is Kim's husband Hans. Kim loves working with all of the incredible talent of the cast, crew, pit and fellow directors. It is one big, supportive family in the theater world!

Joel Pohland, *Pit Orchestra Director*

Joel is currently the 7-12 Band Director at Pierz Healy High School in Pierz, Minnesota. Along with the Junior High and High School Bands, Joel directs the Pep Band, Jazz I and II Ensembles, Pit Orchestra and coaches Boy's Golf in the Spring. Joel has directed the pit orchestra for past Pierz productions. He has also directed the pit orchestra for the Pierz Community Theatre productions. Joel received his Bachelor's Degree from Loras College in Dubuque, IA and is currently in the last semester of his Masters Degree from Northern State University in Aberdeen, SD. Along with teaching, Joel enjoys composing and has enjoyed success in publishing 4 works

for concert bands ranging in grades 2-3.5. Joel currently resides in Little Falls, MN with his wife Kaitlin and two huskies, Brutus and Zelda.

Sara Underhill, *Art Club Director*

Mrs. Underhill had her stage debut in the Red Wing High School 1997 production of Ayn Rand's "Night of January 16th" where she played the role of Defense Attorney Flint. After the successful production, she took on another role as director the following year in her AP Theater class production of "Monty Python and the Holy Grail." Her single line, "Very small rocks!" wasn't quickly forgotten. Mrs. Underhill is the high school art teacher and art club advisor. Little Shop of Horrors is her first opportunity helping with set. Mrs. Underhill would like to thank art club members for their efforts working on the set and thank Ms. Kolodji and the cast and crew of LSH for including her. Mrs. Underhill just likes being part of the team.

Zak Otremba, *Set Construction*

Zak has been building the sets for Pierz productions since 2006 and has been acting since age 7. He has been in many shows including: The Wizard of OZ, Tom Sawyer, Nifty Fifties, Grease, You're A Good Man Charlie Brown, Oklahoma!, Sound of Music, Annie, Seussical: The Musical. Zak is also a custodian here at Pierz Schools. He spends his spare time hunting, shooting, fixing cars, singing, playing guitar, leading the FBC Worship team, and spending time with his wife.

Iris Kolodji, *Vocal and Stage Direction*

This is Iris Kolodji's first year as the vocal music and theater director at Pierz Healy High School. Before arriving in central Minnesota, she lived for four years in Kathmandu, Nepal where she taught Elementary music at the American International School. When not in the classroom, Iris served as the musical director of the Kathmandu chorale, organized the first Young People's Choir of Kathmandu, and trekked in the Himalayas.

Iris received her bachelor's degree in vocal music education from the University of Minnesota Twin Cities and is currently in her last semester of her Master's degree in music education from the University of St. Thomas.

She would like to thank everyone who in the making of this show said "YES!" to lending a helping hand! A special thank you to her parents for encouraging and supporting her through the many musical theater productions in her youth that prepared her for this and to Aaron for his patience and support!

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Costumes

Denise Jindra - Mrs. Gange's awesome mom! Thanks for the sparkles!

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Michelle Mennis - Owner of the perfect dress for Audrey

Breanna Storkamp - Saver's Consultant

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Set

Chris Juetten - Dedicated Father of Trent

Travis and Troy Gross - The Twins

Brad Koch, Heather Koch, Caleb Koch, Taylor Koch, Randy Koch - Team Hailey!

Leonard Thesing and Eric Thesing - Ethan's very cool Dad and Grandpa

Aaron Sundmark - Fish Doctor and Hamilton fan

Cory Kolodji - Ms. Kolodji's Dad. An avid hiker, bread baker, and lover of podcasts

Derik Prisibila, Connor Hapke, and McKenzie Mitchell - Dedicated friends of Trent

Props

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A Little Bit of Everything

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Notes from the Director

Hello and thank you so much for joining us for Little Shop of Horrors! The extraordinary cast and I have had a blast with this show, and we can't wait to share it with you! It has been a process navigating theater and COVID. In this process the actors have stayed positive, flexible, and learned to present theater art in new ways. I could not be more proud of their resilience and adaptability.

Though adapted in 1982 from a 1960 B-movie, Little Shop's offbeat, toe-tapping cautionary tale still has plenty to offer audiences in 2021. The campy delights of Seymour's unlikely partnership with a carnivorous plant - and the motley ensemble of lovable (and love-to-hate) characters - still ask bigger questions that are relevant today. What happens when the voice of gain at all costs presents itself as the only hope for a better life? How do we come to believe that some people are more disposable than others? Is it possible to fight the seduction of these less-than-benevolent forces? Is there another way? I hope you enjoy the fun and fright in store and leave with some questions of your own. Thank you for joining us. We're thrilled you're here.

Seniors, we are going to miss you next year! You have shown so much leadership, compassion, and kindness towards your fellow cast members. Your talent and charisma will be tough to match!

Jaron, where to begin! Thank you for being so authentically you, thank you for listening to all my brainstormers, and thank you for your fierce passion for musical theater!

Hailey, your work ethic is contagious! I was always so impressed how hard you continuously worked to learn your parts, dance, and lines. Thank you for being an ear when I'd brainstorm an idea, always saying YES to helping, and your kindness!

Tori, the part of Audrey seems to have been made for you! Your ability to take on a character plus belt "Suddenly Seymour" in a way where I doubt there could be a dry eye is inspiring! I am so glad we have gotten to know each other this year!

Ellie, you are such an anchor. Calm, cool, and collected. Plus what a voice! I always loved hearing your solo on "Ya Never Know!"

Jaden, I have been blown away not only by your talent on stage but also your artistic eye! Thank you for your work on the set! You are going to make an amazing math teacher someday!

Michael, wow! Your voice could not have made a better Audrey II! Thank you for trusting me and trying something new by being a part of this musical!

Emily, I am so glad we got to work together! I wish we could have known each other sooner! Thank you for juggling basketball and the musical so well! You are a pleasure to work with!

Colby, I am so happy we found that extra time for you to come in and audition back in January. You have blown us all away with your ability to bring Mr. Mushnik to life. I think you have brought us the most joy and laughter of any cast member, thank you for that!

- *Iris Kolodji*

