

STAGE NORTH AND CKNL Radio

Present

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
Jan Forsyth

Musical Direction by
Esther Oosterbaan

Performances:

February 26,27

March 4,5,6

1993



CAST

<i>Chiffon</i>	<i>Krysta Brown</i>
<i>Crystal</i>	<i>Christa Pare</i>
<i>Ronnette</i>	<i>Marian Truscott</i>
<i>Mushnik</i>	<i>Larry Evans</i>
<i>Audrey</i>	<i>Kelly Smith</i>
<i>Seymour</i>	<i>Lowell Constable</i>
<i>Wino Orin Martin</i>	<i>Tom Kirschner</i>
<i>Wino Snip</i>	<i>Tom Bell</i>
<i>Audrey 2 (voice) Bernstein</i>	<i>Charles Miller</i>
<i>Audrey 2 (puppeteer)</i>	<i>Kevin Pederson</i>

(The dentist's chair is played by Benny)

THE SKID ROW BAND

<i>Piano</i>	<i>Valerie Stanley</i>
<i>Keyboards</i>	<i>Esther Oosterbaan</i>
<i>Drums</i>	<i>Pam Brown</i>
<i>Bass Guitar</i>	<i>David Burkholder</i>
<i>Acoustic/Electric Guitar</i>	<i>George Douglas</i>

Director's Notes

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS is not a play that fits an easy description. It is a musical, it is scary, it is a spoof, it is heart-warming and it is funny. It is also quite Faustian with a fair amount of black humour. It has been a challenge to cast, rehearse and direct because for the play to really work, a real world has to be created on the stage. A weird world to be sure, where some very odd things happen, and some very interesting flora and fauna can be found, but a world that has to exist as long as the lights are up and the actors are on stage.

Into this peculiar mix are several wonderful songs that are funny, sad, stirring and rockin'. Written by the same Academy-Award winning team that brought us **THE LITTLE MERMAID** and **BEAUTY AND THE BEAST**, the music contributes to this odd little world with delightful melodies and witty lyrics. So, if you go home tonight and look just a little suspiciously at your Jade plant or philodendron, I'll feel that we will have succeeded. And remember ...

DON'T FEED THE PLANTS.

Marian Truscott as Ronnette



Marian is very busy running her own costume shop , Pandora's Costume Box , but she manages to find time to act and design costumes for many of our productions. Marian's acting credits include: "Jennie's Story" , "Opening Night" , "My Darling Judith" and "Play it again Sam". Marian is a prolific gardener of "killer cucumbers" , a devout shopper of fabulous fabric and a passionate ballroom dancer

Christa Pare as Chrystal

Christa attended the Sudbury Secondary School for the Performing Arts , and went on to dance for 3 years with the Canadian Showcase Dance Company. She performed in the professional production of "Annie" at the Sudbury Theatre Centre. Little Shop marks Christa's first production with Stage North. She has spent the last 4 years working in radio, currently she is the Sales Promotion Co-Ordinator for CKNL Radio.



Krysta Brown as Chiffon

Krysta is a Grade 12 student at N.P.S.S. and next year will head off to University where she will study the dramatic arts. Krysta has been taking dance for 13 years and is a member of Northern Dance Theatre Society. She was last seen singing & dancing up a storm in the N.P.S.S. production of "Oklahoma!".



Tom Bell as Skip Snip

Tom has performed in various productions ranging from musicals and dramas to comedies. His credits include high school productions of "Voices" and "You Can't Take It With You". Tom has also performed in 2 Stage North shows: "Dream Lover" and "The Alcan Craze of '42".



Charles Miller as Audrey 2

Charles is a jack of all trades , when he is not busy lending his wonderful voice to the incredible Audrey 2. A veteran of several musicals , Charles has performed in "Oklahoma!" , "The King and I" , "Mame" and "Oliver". Charles likes to garden , write songs and sing in his sparetime.



June Ainsworth - Stage Manager

Over the last 8 years June has been an active member of Stage North as a director , actor and stage manager. She last performed in "Jennie's Story" , "Play it Again , Sam" , "The Real Inspector Hound" , "Actor's Nightmare" and "Arsenic and Old Lace". These are just a few of the shows that she has worked on with Stage North. June is also a member of the Northern Lights Chancel Choir.





Jan Forsyth - Director/Choreographer

A member of the Canadian Actors' Equity Association, Actra and UBCP, Jan has been a professional actor for the last 12 years. While working as a performer/writer/director with Vancouver TheatreSports for 9 years and as company manager for 4 years, Jan also pursued an active Film and T.V. career, appearing in over 40 commercials, T.V. shows and feature films. Credits include 21 Jumpstreet, Mcgyver, Immediate Family, J.J Starbuck, Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure, as well as the "yak spot" for B.C. Tel and Little Billy for A&W Root

Beer. A love of musical comedy led to roles in Theatre Under The Stars' productions of No, No Nanette, The Pajama Game, Nicely-Nicely in Guys and Dolls and the Ghost of Christmas Present and Fezziwig in Carousel Theatre's A Christmas Carol. Jan is very Happy to be working with Stage North and the cast of Little Shop.

Esther Oosterbaan - Musical Director

Esther is a long time member of Stage North. Over the years she has acted, directed, played and composed music for our productions. She is the music co-ordinator at Northern Lights College. Esther is also a professional Oboist., oboe teacher, and choir conductor. When not performing Esther loves to draw and paint.



Kelly Smith as Audrey

Kelly's last role on the Stage North stage was in our production "Dream Lover". We are happy to have her back as the bubbly and beautiful "Audrey". Kelly would like to pursue a career in journalism and freelance writing. She would also like to thank Daniel Vecchio for sparking her interest in Theatre; and her father for her love and gift for singing.



Lowell Constable as Seymour

Lowell was last seen as the orphaned prat-falling "Peter Prior" in our fall production "Nurse Jane goes to Hawaii". Lowell has performed in numerous school productions. His favorite role was as "Dracula" in "Dracula Baby" at N.P.S.S. last year. A born and bred Fort St. Johner, Lowell is currently attending Northern Lights College.



Larry Evans as Mushnik

Larry is making his acting and singing debut with us and we are delighted to have him as a member. When Larry is not on duty as a firefighter, he can be found doing woodworking. Larry's flare for comedy was discovered Jan Forsyth last year, when Larry took Jan's Improvisational theatre class.



Tom Kirschner as Orin

Tom has been a member of Stage North since 1983 and he has performed in dozens of our productions. Most recently he starred in "A Christmas Carol" and "The Alcan Craze of '42". Tom has directed 3 shows for Stage North: "The Valedictorian", "Still Stands The House", "The Alcan Craze of '42". Tom won "best actor" in the 1989 Zone Festival for his role in "The Real Inspector Haund".



PRODUCTION CREW

<i>Producers</i>	<i>Kevin Truscott , Ray Mordan</i>
<i>Director/Choreographer</i>	<i>Jan Forsyth *</i>
<i>Musical Director</i>	<i>Esther Oosterbaan</i>
<i>Set Design</i>	<i>Jan Forsyth , Kevin Truscott</i>
<i>Costume Design</i>	<i>Marian Truscott</i>
<i>Lighting Design</i>	<i>Kevin Truscott</i>
<i>Stage Manager</i>	<i>June Ainsworth</i>
<i>Assist. Stage Managers</i>	<i>Erin Garson , Stacey Sankey</i>
<i>Rehearsal Pianist</i>	<i>Valerie Stanley</i>
<i>Set Construction</i>	<i>Ray Mordan , Blair Thorson , Kevin Truscott , Sandy Blatchford</i>
<i>Set Painting</i>	<i>Ray Mordan , Blair Thorson , Larry Evans , Kelly Smith Krusta Brown , June Ainsworth , Tom Kirschner , Pam Brown</i>
<i>Costume Construction</i>	<i>Marian Truscott , Mary Telford</i>
<i>Props Construction</i>	<i>June Ainsworth , Erin Garson , Stacey Sankey , Jamaila Telford</i>
<i>Publicity</i>	<i>Teddy Forsyth , Dona Kirkpatrick</i>
<i>Artwork</i>	<i>Blair Thorson</i>
<i>Makeup</i>	<i>Vicki McMahon , Kimberly Smithson</i>
<i>Wardrobe</i>	<i>Alysha Speed</i>
<i>Backstage Crew</i>	<i>Andrew Evans , Alysha Speed , Jamalia Telford</i>
<i>Lighting Technician</i>	<i>Sandy Blatchford</i>
<i>Spotlight Operator</i>	<i>Kiril Titley</i>
<i>Sound Technician</i>	<i>Kevin Truscott</i>
<i>F.O.H. Manager</i>	<i>Sharon Britney</i>
<i>Front of House</i>	<i>Sharron Woloshyn , Joan Pfürmmer , Brandee Carouthers , Wendy Clark , Jerry Nimmo , Philippa Allan , Dan Jorgenson , Ellen Sinclair , Dona Kirkpatrick , Jada-Dawn Kirkpatrick , Russ Conway , Lisa Santucci</i>



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LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS
was originally
Directed by Howard Ashman
with
Musical Staging by Edie Cowan

Vocal Arrangements
by
Robert Billings

Orchestrations
by
Robby Merkin

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Stage North Auditions

Auditions for our festival plays have been held just the past week. If you missed the audition dates but would still like to try out for a part you can call Kevin at 787-1027 because the final choices for the roles have not been finalised before you read this. The festival plays will perform May 14, 15 in the N.P.C.C. and will go to the Zone Festival in Fort Nelson May 21 -22 to be adjudicated. If you would like to get involved in Stage North and learn all about theatre please call Stage North at 787-SHOW (7469) for more information or to leave a message.

One of our members will call you with more information and how you can help.

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Please mark May 14th and 15th on your calendars to see the next Stage North production; An Evening Of One-Acts. The plays "CUT!" and "Stops Along The Way" will be presented.