

# 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

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

#### Directed by Brett Leverette

Musical Director Lucas Tarrant Stage Manager Sam Marie Kuzian-Leverette

Set Design Brett Leverette Costume Design Jessica Williams

Lighting and Sound Design Murray Mann Technical Director (Audrey 2)
Brett Leverette

Vocal Arrangements by Robert Billig Orchestrations by Robert Merkin

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# **Musical Numbers**

## ACT I

"Prologue (Little Shop of Horrors)"	Chiffon, Crystal, Ronnette	
"Skid Row (Downtown)"		
"Da-Doo"	_ ·	
"Grow for Me"	Seymour	
"Don't It Go to Show Ya Never Know"	Mushnik, Chiffon, Crystal,	
	Ronnette, Seymour	
"Somewhere That's Green"	Audrey	
"Closed for Renovations"	Seymour, Audrey, Mushnik	
"Dentist!"	Orin, Chiffon, Crystal, Ronnette	
"Mushnik and Son"	Mushnik and Seymour	
"Feed Me (Git It)"	Seymour and Audrey II	
"Now (It's Just the Gas)"		
ACT II		
"Call Back in the Morning"	Seymour and Audrey	
"Suddenly, Seymour"	Seymour and Audrey	
"Suppertime"	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
"The Meek Shall Inherit"		
"Finale (Don't Feed the Plants)"		



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## Director's Note

Little Shop of Horrors includes some of my favorite aspects of life: music, puppets... blood.

With the show being such a cult classic, it was a daunting task to figure out how to put my own stamp on the material while also letting the production breathe and become its own living thing.

Growing up with an intense love of puppets and practical effects, I longed to direct this show and design the puppets. Now that I have been given that opportunity, it feels surreal to finally be able to show it to you. I have injected my essence my sweat, my tears, coffee, long nights, paint fumes, and burning several poorly made clay statues of Drew Carey (of whose line fame) under the troll bridge off of I-95 with jerry. Thanks again Jerry for the invite!

On a serious note, I am incredibly proud of the cast and crew for the hard work and determination that they have shown both onstage and off.

Lucas (Music Director): Thank you for leading the music in the only way you can... with the utmost patience, professionalism and the occasional SpongeBob joke.

Alicia (Chiffon): Thank you for the delivery of "Watch him suck up that gas, oh my god" it gives me life.

Ben (Seymour): Thank you for taking the bruises and blood like a champ. You are now one with this stage.

Danielle (Puppeteer/Makeup Design): Thank you for always being the other person that catches the jokes that nobody else catches.

Emily (Crystal): Thank you for the beautiful shop sign and for the way you grab Seymour's head out of the trash.

Andre (Audrey 2): The vocal resonance that you bring with each maniacal laugh will keep me up at night for years, thank you.

Kit (Mushnik): I love the way you eavesdrop on your employees, stay true to yourself.

Samue (Orin): You play a great bad guy... do what you will with that information.

LaToshia (Ronnette): "Who would have believed it" is one of my favorite line reads in the show.

Katie (Audrey): "You are hysterical."

Tyler (Puppeteer/Reverend): You should apply for one of those *Pacific Rim* mecha jobs piloting a robot.

Blair (Puppeteer): You are the best monster hand-operator this side of the Mississippi.

Sam Marie (Stage Manager/Choreographer): Thank you for not killing me yet, even though I'm sure you have wanted too multiple times over the course of the show.

Thank you to my family, cast, crew, and the Mad Artists' Team that came out to help on the set. Special thank you to my father who is always there to lend a hand and provide years of experience in set building. I gave some very difficult requests, and you all exceeded my expectations. I am forever grateful to everyone one of you. Thank you to ACT1 Theater for giving me the opportunity to direct this show.

Finally, I would like to point out my stage manager and choreographer Sam Marie Kuizan-Leverette. Without her unwavering support my ideas would never have made it to the stage and this show would have never happened. You can have the greatest ideas in the world but without the necessary structure those ideas remain ideas. Somebody once said, "Everybody needs a Sam Marie in their life" and I can't think of a truer statement.

Enjoy the show and don't feed the plants!

**Brett** 

# Little Shop of Horrors

#### Cast

Andre Eaton, Jr		
	Ronnette	
	Audrey 2 Manipulator	
	Crystal	
Orchestra		
Tim Place	Guitar	
	Drums	
	Bass	
Lucas Tarrant	Keys	
Production Team		
Director	Brett Leverette	
	Lucas Tarrant	
	Sam Marie Kuzian-Leverette	
	Christopher Voss, Diane West	
	Sam Marie Kuzian-Leverette	
	Murray Mann	
	Brett Leverette	
Costume Design	Jessica Williams, Joan Ming	

# **Special Thanks to:**

#### Sets

Randy Bampfield, Michael Leverette, Garrett Nesselrode, Rory Leverette, Virginia Mann, and the awesome cast!

# **Props**

CenterStage North for the donation of the awesome dentist chair! Loren Collins and family for the loan of the green radio



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## **Cast Bios**



**Ben Cole**: Seymour- (He/Him) – ACT1/Atlanta Stage Debut! Regional: *Dog Sees God* (Los Angeles LGBT Center), Film/Television: *Deadly Affairs* (Discovery ID), *Utopia* (FOX). SO HAPPY to be *Somewhere That's Green* with this cast and crew! People I would never feed to the plant: family, friends, and all the real housewives. Don't feed the plants, get your vaccine, BLM. @bencole



Andre Eaton, Jr.: <u>Audrey 2</u>- Andre is thrilled to be making his ACT1 debut. He is the Co-Artistic Director at Live Arts Theatre. Andre is a Georgia State University Alum and would like to thank friends and family for their support. Favorite Credits include Wadsworth in *Clue: Onstage* (Players Guild), Guy in *Blues for an Alabama Sky* (Live Arts), Edmund in *King Lear* (Gwinnett Classic Theatre).



**Kit Fay**: Mushnik- Kit Fay is a big fan of monsters, plants, and puppets, and is very happy to be doing this funky show with such a talented cast and crew. They're a lighting designer, event producer, writer, and karaoke DJ as well as a 479 lighting programmer. This is Kit's second appearance in a musical as an adult, after previously appearing in Then What's *Punk Rock Pirates of Penzance* at The Bakery.



**Samuel Ginn**: Orin-Samuel Ginn is the owner and artistic director of Mad Artists' Entertainment, a local theatre company. Some credits include *Beauty and the Beast* (Lumiere) and *Little Shop of Horrors* (Seymour). His crew credits include *And Then There Were None* (Director), and *Holiday Inn* (ASM). Samuel is grateful to Brett Leverette for allowing him to take on the role of the dentist!



**Danielle Lorentz**: <u>Audrey 2 Manipulator</u>- Danielle has been acting on professional stages since she was 11 years old. Her most notable roles include Eva in *Bring It On*, Vera Claythorne in *And Then There Were None*, and Charlotte in *Charlotte's Web*. She currently works as a full-time voice artist, voice teacher and is the Chief Music Director and Production Manager for Mad Artists' Entertainment.



Alicia Luncheon: <u>Chiffon</u>- Alicia is a criminal defense attorney by day and performer by night. She is excited to work with the cast and crew of Little Shop and welcomes you all to Skid Row!



**Katie Jennison**: <u>Audrey-</u> Katie is a classical and musical theatre singer, performing roles such as Elle in *Legally Blonde*, Olive in *Spelling Bee* and Noemie in *Massenet's Cendrillion*. This fall, Katie is moving to Arizona to pursue a Masters in Musical Theatre Voice at ASU. She wants to thank ACT1 Theater for this opportunity, as well as her family and friends for always supporting her dreams.









Blair Sanders: <u>Audrey 2 Manipulator</u>- Blair is excited to lend a hand, er, vine as a puppeteer for *Little Shop*. She most recently worked with ACT1 by directing *A Higher Place in Heaven* in March. Her favorite roles have been: Maddie in *Making God Laugh* and Truffaldino in *Servant of Two Masters-Flipped* (both at Live Arts Theatre). She currently serves as a board member for Live Arts Theatre.

**LaToshia Shields**: Ronnette- LaToshia is an Atlanta native. Initially, she aspired to be an opera singer, but decided musical theatre was her true calling after seeing *Rent* for the first time in 2009. An ACT1 alum, LaToshia has appeared in *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *School House Rock Live!* and multiple cabarets. She is excited for her return to the stage! She loves preforming at ACT1 Theater and she looks forward working with such an amazing cast!

**Tyler Webster**: <u>Audrey 2 Manipulator</u>- Rev. Tyler Webster entered the acting world at the age of 7 and never looked back. He's deeply passionate about creating good art and bringing up those around him who share in his love of performance. He's thrilled to currently hold the title of Business Manager for Mad Artists' Entertainment! He hopes you enjoy the show as much as he enjoys operating a ravenous plant!

**Emily Zart**: Crystal- Emily is so happy to be singing on stage again after a long hiatus! She was most recently seen in Vanya & Sonia & Masha & Spike at Lionheart. Favorite Cleveland, OH credits include Xanadu (Clio/Kira, Fine Arts Assoc.), Annie (Grace Farrell, Aurora Theatre), and Brigadoon (Fiona, Aurora Theatre). All the love to Garrett and family.

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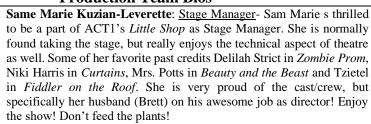


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## **Production Team Bios**







**Brett Leverette**: <u>Director</u>- Brett has been working in the theatre scene for the past 16+ years. Some of his favorite directorial credits include *Alice in Wonderland* and *Princess and the Pea*. Brett has a passion for the technical aspect of theater and loves taking something plain to then transform it to something magical. He is currently Technical Director at Mad Artists' Entertainment and does work all around Georgia for different theaters! Don't feed the plants!



Lucas Tarrant: Music Director- Lucas is excited to be doing another show at ACT1. He was most recently seen conducting White Christmas. With multiple degrees in music from Oklahoma City University, varying from performance to conducting and pedagogy, he takes a hands-on approach with singers, actors, and musicians alike. Other favorite music directing experiences include Into the Woods, Bonnie and Clyde and 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. Catch him next music directing Sunday in the Park with George at Woodstock Arts. Lucas also maintains a private voice studio of working professionals and is the Artistic Director and co-founder of North Atlanta Voices. It's been an absolute pleasure working with this talented cast and team. Enjoy and remember: "Don't feed the plants!"



**Jessica Williams**: <u>Costume Designer</u>- Jessica serves as the Artistic Director and Costume Designer for ACT1 Theater. She has been costuming since middle school when her mom taught her to sew. She has costumed productions around Atlanta, including *Little Women* and *Cookie Crumble*, *Cookie Toss* at the Oak Theater, and many productions at ACT1.

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We are pleased to continue this partnership during ACT1 Theater's 2022-2023 season and the City of Alpharetta's 2023 Fiscal Year. As a result of this continuing partnership, we are offering these shows.

A Midsummer Night's Dream
October 14-22, 2022
Fri/Sat at 8 pm & Saturday at noon
Brook Street Park



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