

## MEDIA RELEASE

### Don't feed the plants! *Little Shop of Horrors* arrives for the Halloween season

September 25, 2023

**Edmonton, Alberta** – The comedy rock-musical takes over the Shoctor stage at The Citadel Theatre this October.

A tale about the endearing and hapless Seymour, an assistant at a struggling floral shop, who happens upon a strange new plant that he affectionately names Audrey II, after a coworker of the same name he secretly loves. But when the carnivorous plant starts to speak, promising fame and fortune in return for satisfying its unquenchable thirst for human blood, things go awry in this dark comedy musical.

Starting in Edmonton on October 21, just in time to get into the Halloween spirit, this sci-fi comedy is one of the longest running off-Broadway shows with an electrifying 60s inspired pop-rock score by **Alan Menken** and **Howard Ashman**. Directed by **Ashlie Corcoran**, Artistic Director of the Arts Club Theatre Company (Vancouver), who previously directed the Citadel's productions of *Cost of Living* (2019) and *Mamma Mia!* (2018).

A co-production with Arts Club Theatre Company, the show plays in Vancouver until early October when the artists, sets, costumes and props will be transported to Edmonton to begin rehearsal and set up. As a co-production, the cast and creative team is comprised of artists that are local to Edmonton and Alberta as well as artists based in British Columbia.

The show features **Tenaj Williams** as Seymour, **Synthia Yusuf** as Audrey, **Ashley Wright** as floral shop owner Mr. Mushnik, and well-known to Citadel audiences, **John Ulyatt** as the sadistic dentist, Orin Scrivello. The Audrey II puppets, designed by Set Designer **Beyata Hackborn**, come to life on stage by puppeteer **Braydon Dowler-Coltman** and are voiced by **Madeleine Suddaby**.

*Little Shop of Horrors* plays on the Shoctor stage October 21 – November 19, 2023. Tickets are available by calling the Box Office at 780.425.1820 or online at [citadeltheatre.com](http://citadeltheatre.com).

[Pay What You Choose performances](#), presented by Alberta Blue Cross, take place on October 22 and 28. More information can be found on our website.

Production photos will be available October 24, 2023.

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#### CAST

Ivy Charles

Ronnette

Cecilly Day

Ensemble

Braydon Dowler-Coltman	Audrey II Puppeteer
Victor Hunter	Ensemble
Rochelle Laplante	Chiffon
Madeleine Suddaby	Voice of Audrey II, Mrs. Luce
Ali Watson	Crystal
Tenaj Williams	Seymour Krelborn
Ashley Wright	Mr. Mushnik
John Ulyatt	Orin Scrivello, D.D.S. et al
Synthia Yusuf	Audrey

### **UNDERSTUDIES**

Cecilly Day	Chiffon, Crystal, Ronnette, Voice of Audrey II
Victor Hunter	Seymour, Orin Scrivello, D.D.S. et al, Mr. Mushnik, Audrey II Puppeteer
Rochelle Laplante	Audrey

### **BAND**

Ruth Alexander	Keyboard 1
Ben Christianson	Keyboard 2
Mo LeFever	Guitar
Evan Stewart	Bass
Biboye Onanuga	Drums

### **CREATIVE TEAM**

Ashlie Corcoran	Director
Caitlin Hayes	Musical Director (Vancouver)
Ruth Alexander	Musical Director (Edmonton)
Gianna Vacirca	Choreographer
Beyata Hackborn	Set Designer
Carmen Alatorre	Costume Designer
Rebecca Picherack	Lighting Designer

Dave Clarke	Sound Designer
Jonathan Hawley Purvis	Fight Director
Michelle Thorne-Speir	Intimacy Director
Adam Henderson	Dialect Coach
Emma Welham	Assistant Director*
Melicia Zaini	Assistant Costume Designer
Ali Watson	Dance Captain
Ivy Charles	Fight Captain
Michelle Harrison	Stage Manager
Nyssa Beirsto	Assistant Stage Manager
Stephanie Barclay	Apprentice Stage Manager

\*This position is funded by the Canadian Guild of Stage Directors & Choreographers (CGDC).

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