WITHAM OPERATIC WORKSHOP
PRESENTS

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Music by Alan Menken
Book and Lyrics by: Howard Ashman

Based on the film by Roger Corma Screenplay by Charles Griffith
Originally produced by the WPA Theatre (Kyle Renick, Producing Director)
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Welcome from the Chairman!

Yet another year has passed us by and here we all are at what will be Wow's 9th production. This year's show is somewhat different from anything that the youth group has previously undertaken. Little Shop Of Horrors is a simple story of "Boy meets Girl" but with a strange twist in the shape of a rather unusual plant named Audrey 2.

For this years production it gives me enormous pleasure to be able to welcome back Dani Fincham and Geoff Osborne as Director and Musical Director respectively.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved for all of their hard work that has helped to make this production possible .It has not been easy, but I know that you will all agree that the end result has made all of the hard work worth-while.

Finally please sit back and enjoy tonight's performance, but just one word of warning, please DON'T FEED THE PLANTS.

Tony Quinlan, WOW Chairman

Previous Productions

1996 *Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*
1997 *West Side Story*
1998 *Annie*
1999 *The Boy Friend*
2000 *42nd Street*
2001 *The Wiz*
2002 *Bugsy Malone*
2003 *Oliver!*
2004 *Crazy For You*

Synopsis

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS is the story of Seymour Krelbourn, a meek Skid Row florist who makes a Faustian pact with a tiny plant in order to win the heart of Audrey, the girl he loves. While Audrey doesn't notice the romance blooming between them, she does notice the moneymaking potential of the exotic little plant. Soon money pours in, and Seymour becomes a celebrity, but behind the glamour and fame lies a secret Seymour can't reveal - this strange and unusual plant's favourite food is... human *blood*. As the plant grows, its demands for food grow too, and the feeding frenzy begins!

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Director and Choreographer - Dani Fincham

This is Dani's second show with WOW having made a great success of directing the WOW cast two years ago in our production of *Oliver!* She brings with her a long experience of working with other local societies: this is her 16th show since she began directing in 1995! We have very much enjoyed working with Dani on *Little Shop of Horrors* and look forward to working with her again at some point in the future.

Musical Director - Geoff Osborne

Geoff is Head of Music at the Colne Community School in Brightlingsea, having been at St Helena School in Colchester for over 25 years. He received much of his musical training at Colchester Institute where he studied piano, brass, percussion and composition. Geoff, who is married with four children, has devoted his life to music education and is former principal of the Colchester Area Music School. Geoff has also been involved with the Essex County Advisory Team for Music and continues to lead courses across the county. He most recently worked with WOW on *Crazy For You* and on *Oliver!* with Dani prior to that. We have very much enjoyed working with Geoff and judging on the fact that this is his third show in a row with WOW, the feeling seems to be mutual!

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Little Shop of Horrors

Production Team

Director & Choreographer	Sam Finch
Musical Director	Geoff Osborne
Stage Manager	Graham Green
Stage Crew	Keith Radley, Mark Tinworth
Scenery	Tony Quinlan: Russell Signs
Lighting Design/Operation	Nigel Northfield
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Wardrobe	Pat Ladd, Gill Edwards, Anne Quinlan
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Audrey's Wig	[redacted]
Prompt	Liz Watson
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The Band

Keyboards	Phil Toms
Percussion	Paul Codling
Bass	Sue Stanton
Guitar	[redacted]
Piano	Geoff Osborne

The Company

Toby Holland

Seymour

Toby's first role with WOW was Fizzy in *Bugsy Malone* in 2002, a part that he performed to an exceptional standard. He went on to play the part of Mr Sowerberry in our 2003 production of *Oliver!* and has performed in all WOW Summer Concerts since 2002. Unfortunately, Toby did not join us for *Crazy For You* due to a foreign exchange that occurred during show week but we are delighted to have him with us now for *Little Shop of Horrors*.

Lucy Quinlan

Audrey

One of the longest, current members of WOW, Lucy truly is an incredible theatre-actor. Having first graced the stage of the Witham Public Hall as a Munchkin in our production of *The Wiz* in 2001, Lucy went on to play Blousey Brown in *Bugsy Malone*, followed by Widow Corney in *Oliver!* and then Polly Baker in *Crazy For You*. She has a terrific voice which carried her all the way to Richard Branson's back garden where she sang for his birthday. Lucy is also part of 'West End Kids' and a definite name to look out for in the future.

Matthew Ashworth

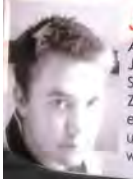
Mr Mushnik

Matt joined WOW in 2003 for the production of *Oliver!* having successfully acquired the part of Mr Bumble. Following this success, Matt went on to peform several numbers in the concert that year. Since then, he has played Wyatt and Eugene Fodor in *Crazy For You* and is joining the WOW cast once again to play Mr Mushnik in *Little Shop of Horrors*.

Luke Marks

Orin Scrivello D.D.S. (the Dentist)

Luke made his WOW debut as Bugsy in *Bugsy Malone* (the first stage role he ever played!) and seems to have taken pretty much every lead role since! Following *Bugsy Malone*, he went on to play the Artful Dodger in *Oliver!* and Bobby in *Crazy For You*. Luke has also performed in various numbers in the summer concerts and now he's here to make you laugh as the sadistic 'Skid Row' dentist!



Jack Lenox

Audrey II/The Plant (voice)

Joining us for his last show with WOW, having first made an appearance in 2002 as Fat Sam in *Bugsy Malone*, Jack went on to play the role of Fagin in *Oliver!*, then Bela Zangler in *Crazy For You*. In his previous roles, Jack has shown his versatility and talent, however you won't be seeing much of him in *Little Shop of Horrors* at all, although you certainly will hear him! He aspires to enter a career of musical theatre and we wish Jack the best of luck in the future!

The Girls With Attitude!

Jessica Thompson

Angel

This is Jess's third show with WOW. Having successfully acquired the part of Angel, she adds a certain depth and quality to the harmonies of the girls with attitude!

Emma Ferreira

Chantel

This is Emma's first show with WOW and she delighted us with her bluesy voice, which gained her the part of Chantel. We hope she stays with us for future productions.

Laura LeBlanc

Crystal

Laura is another long-standing member of WOW having first performed in *Bugsy Malone* as Lena Marelli. She played Charlotte in *Oliver!* and with her cheeky grin, was hilarious as Patsy in *Crazy For You*.

Jenny Branch

Chiffon

This is Jenny's second show with WOW and she also took part in our last summer concert. Jenny has a great voice, which is very rich and controlled, as you will see when she takes the lead-line in *Skid Row*.

Sophie Brown

Diamond

Sophie joined WOW for *Bugsy Malone* and has performed in every show since. She is a real asset being an excellent dancer and performs with enthusiasm and energy. Sophie hopes to pursue her career in professional dance and we feel very privileged to have her in the cast.

Becki Clarke

Ronnette

Becki joined us for *Oliver!* and has stayed with us since. Although petite Becki delivers her lines with great projection and her powerful singing has a maturity beyond her years as you will see in her portrayal of Ronnette.

Grace Branch

Satin

We were thrilled that Jenny had a twin sister (Grace) equally talented. Although identical twins, they are quite different and Grace wowed the audience with her sweet voice when she performed a duet in the summer concert.

Melissa Pipe

Shirelle

Melissa first performed as a Funky Monkey in *The Wiz*. She portrayed O'Dreary and the puppet superbly in *Bugsy Malone* and also appeared in two performances of *Oliver!* as the Artful Dodger. Melissa then showed her versatility when she played Irene with great aplomb in Crazy For You.

Jonathan Goodey

Audrey II/The Plant (operator)

Accompanying Jack is the other half of the terrible two-some providing the plant. Jon is joining WOW for his second show having played the entrepeneurial cowboy, Lank, in *Crazy For You*. Jon also performed in last year's Summer Concert and we hope to see more of him in the future.

Cast

Seymour	Toby Holland
Audrey	Lucy Quinlan
Mr. Mushnik	Matthew Ashworth
Orin Scrivello DDS (the Dentist)	Luke Marks
Angel	Jessica Thompson
Chantel	Emma Ferreira
Chiffon	Jenny Branch
Crystal	Laura LeBlanc
Diamond	Sophie Brown
Ronnette	Becki Clarke
Satin	Grace Branch
Shirelle	Melissa Pipe
Audrey II (voice)/Skip Snip	Jack Lenox
Audrey II (operator)	Jonathan Goodey
The First Customer	Craig Stewart
WSKID Radio Interviewer	Thomas Clarke
Bernstein	Thomas Holland
Mrs Luce	Colleen Rosenberg
Patrick Martin	Luke Marks

CHORUS

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Sam Carlyle
Rosie Lenox
Sam Marks
Gemma McCartney
Hannah McCartney
Alan Paddon
Timothy Sanders
James Tunningley
Nicky Vine
Samantha Wild

Musical Numbers

ACT 1

Prologue/Little Shop of Horrors	Backing Girls
Skid Row (Downtown)	The Company
Da-Doo	Seymour
Grow For Me	Seymour
Ya Never Know	Mushnik and Backing Girls
Somewhere That's Green	Audrey
Closed For Renovation	Seymour, Audrey and Mushnik
Dentist!	The Dentist
Mushnik & Son	Mushnik and Seymour
Feed Me (Git It)	Audrey II and Seymour
Now (It's Just The Gas)	Seymour and the Dentist

ACT 2

Call Back In The Morning	Mushnik, Seymour, Audrey and the Backing Girls
Suddenly Seymour	Seymour and Audrey
Suppertime	Audrey II, Backing Girls and Seymour
The Meek Shall Inherit	The Company
Sominex/Suppertime II	Audrey and Audrey II
Somewhere That's Green (Reprise)	Audrey and Seymour
Bigger Than Hula-Hoops	Patrick Martin and Seymour
Finale (Don't Feed The Plants)	The Company

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We hope that you will enjoy tonight's production of *Little Shop of Horrors* and that you will book early for our next show in February 2006.

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