

OVATION

Theatre Company LLC



Director's Note

Many musicals have similar stories: two people meet, experience conflict, eventually fall in love, and live happily ever after. This is not one of those musicals. As Howard Ashman, *Little Shop* lyricist and book writer, states “Little Shop of Horrors satirizes many things: science fiction, ‘B’ movies, musical comedy itself, and even the Faust legend.” This show is not meant to be taken too seriously; we are meant to laugh out loud at the absurdity while still acknowledging those underlying nuggets of truth about the human condition.

Howard Ashman and Alan Menken, the creative team behind *Little Shop of Horrors*, also collaborated on Disney's *The Little Mermaid*. One little known fun fact is that Ashman and Menken say that Audrey's song “Somewhere That's Green” heavily influenced Ariel's song “Part of Your World”. I'll bet you're singing them in your head right now :)

This experience has been incredible for me. At our first rehearsal just over seven weeks ago, this small, but mighty cast blew me away with their talent and they have only gotten better as they have grown to embrace their characters and develop as a team. I am so grateful to each of them, as well as Kevin, Miranda, and Abby for their dedication to this production. And, as always, a huge thank you to Dan, Katy, and Tim for their unconditional support and work behind the scenes.

I truly appreciate that you have taken the time to laugh with us today. You are in for a treat!

And remember, don't feed the plants! Thank you.

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OVATION THEATRE COMPANY

proudly presents

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

JANUARY 27-28, 2023

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**

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

www.mtishows.com

Please note that this play includes a firearm. Any firearm you see on stage is a prop and poses no danger to the cast or audience. All photography and videography is strictly prohibited. Please turn your cell phones completely off.

Cast

SEYMOUR Tony Gallo

AUDREY Deirdre Arcand

ORIN & OTHERS Nick Ford

AUDREY II James Middleton

MUSHNIK Randy Williams

CHIFFON Adrianna Bridge

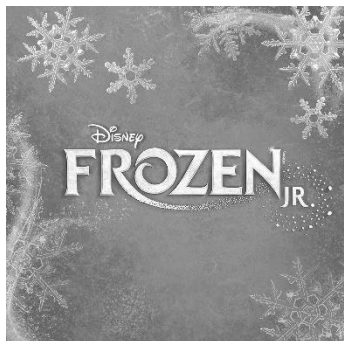
CRYSTAL Jenna Sullivan

RONNETTE Ella Burroughs

PUPPETEER Miranda Winward

Production Team

Director Meg Gore
Music Director Kevin Fisher
Choreographer Miranda Winward
Stage Manager Abby Parnell
Scenic Design & Artwork Jessica Millis & Justin Millis
Puppet Modification Miranda Winward
Costume Design Meg Gore
Props Coordination Meg Gore & Jenna Sullivan
Lighting Design Dan Gore



*inn***Ovation**
Summer Theatre Camps

Session A (Performing): Students will audition, rehearse for, and present a production of *Frozen Jr.*

Session B (Playing): Join us for a fun week of theatre and improv games that will teach campers about many aspects of acting and performance.

Session C (Producing): Participants will work in small groups to devise their own original show.

Join us this summer — register now at ovationtc.com!

Musical Numbers

ACT I

“Little Shop of Horrors”	Chiffon, Crystal, Ronnette
“Downtown”	Company
“Da Doo”	Seymour, Chiffon, Crystal, Ronnette
“Grow For Me”	Seymour
“Ya Never Know”	Mushnik, Chiffon, Crystal, Ronnette, Seymour
“Somewhere That’s Green”	Audrey
“Closed For Renovation”	Seymour, Audrey, Mushnik
“Dentist”	Orin, Chiffon, Crystal, Ronnette
“Mushnik and Son”	Mushnik, Seymour
“Git It”	Audrey II, Seymour
“Now”	Seymour, Orin

ACT II

“Call Back in the Morning”	Audrey, Seymour
“Suddenly Seymour”	Seymour, Audrey
“Supertime”	Audrey II
“The Meek Shall Inherit”	Chiffon, Crystal, Ronnette, Mr. Bernstein, Mrs. Luce, Skip Snip, Seymour
“Supertime (Reprise)”	Audrey, Audrey II
“Somewhere That’s Green (Reprise)”	Audrey
“Finale”	Company



**Auditions this Sunday,
January 29**

ages **14-25, 9-13***

*one role will be played by an actor age 9-13

performances

March 31 – April 1, 2023

More information available at

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The Cast



DEIRDRE ARCAND | AUDREY

Deirdre is excited to appear in her very first Ovation production! Previously, she has enjoyed playing roles such as Heather Duke in *Heathers* (RIT Players), Paulette in *Legally Blonde* (Middletown Stage Company), and Sandy in *SpongeBob the Musical* (Manchester Community Theatre Players). She'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the cast and crew, especially to the directors for being so welcoming and for their guidance in the creative process of character development / exploration.



ADRIANNA BRIDGE | CHIFFON

Adrianna has played various roles, from leads to ensemble, been a part of an improv group, assistant directed, done costume design, props, and cast coordination over her many years in theater. In college, she studied music and is currently working towards an interior design certification and several writing projects. After a few years away from the stage, she is excited to perform again, as Chiffon in this production of *Little Shop of Horrors!*



ELLA BURROUGHS | RONNETTE

Ella is a 19 year old who has been participating in theatre for nearly 7 years! Her most recent roles being Ensemble and an understudy in *All Shook Up!* and a Chef and Featured Vocalist in *Something Rotten!* She is very excited to have been a part of this show and hopes you enjoy!



NICK FORD | ORIN & OTHERS

Nick Ford (he/him) is a 20 year old actor from Derry NH. This is his first show with Ovation, playing the role(s) of Orin (and several others.) He's glad COVID has passed, and he's glad to be back on stage!



TONY GALLO | SEYMOUR

Tony is returning for his 5th show with Ovation, and is excited as ever to perform with this group. He's spent the rehearsal process for this show with old and new friends, and making memories and bonds that will last. Tony hopes you enjoy the show, and that you appreciate Miranda's puppeteering as much as he does!

The Cast

JAMES MIDDLETON | AUDREY II

James is just growing with excitement to be performing in his first Ovation production. Some of his favorite past roles include Gomez in *Addams Family*, Patrick in *Spongebob the Musical*, and Donkey in *Shrek*. When not performing James enjoys suppertime and game nights with his wife and three daughters. A special thank you to the audience for supporting local theater and James's goal of world domination. Remember to FEED THE PLANTS!



JENNA SULLIVAN | CRYSTAL

Jenna Sullivan is a 22 year old who has spent her whole life loving to sing. Jenna brings her love for singing to work with her as an ABA therapist for children with autism as she sings to all of her clients at the clinic! Some of Jenna's favorite roles she has played have been Diana in *A Chorus Line*, Cinderella in *Into the Woods*, and Jo in *Little Women*. Recently, Jenna had her directorial debut with KCT's *Shrek the Musical* and will continue on to direct *Beauty and the Beast* this coming spring. She hopes you enjoy the show!



RANDY WILLIAMS | MUSHNIK

After returning to the stage in Ovation's *Something Rotten!* last summer, Randy is thrilled to be back, performing in this all-time favorite. He'd like to thank his friends and family, especially wife Alayna and son Theo, for putting up with his god-awful moustache for the last 3 months. It'll be gone shortly.



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Dan Pelletier and the Arts Academy of New Hampshire

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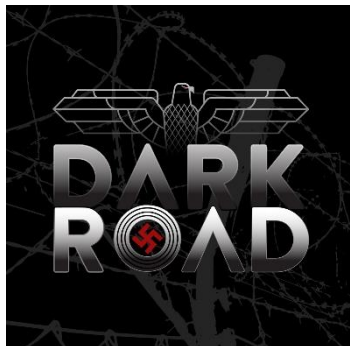


March 31 – April 1, 2023

Dark Road

When Greta, a young girl living in Nazi Germany, reads that the nearby women's concentration camp is hiring guards, she sees it as a chance to find her place in the world and provide for her sister Lise. But soon she learns the reality of her duties, and so too does she learn how to justify her crimes, heading further and further down the dark road laid by the Third Reich. A powerful drama about the choices that allow evil to become ordinary.

Auditions this Sunday!



May 12-13, 2023

The Little Mermaid Jr.

In a magical underwater kingdom, the beautiful young mermaid, Ariel, longs to leave her ocean home — and her fins — behind and live in the world above. But first, she'll have to defy her father, King Triton, make a deal with the evil sea witch, Ursula, and convince the handsome Prince Eric that she's the girl whose enchanting voice he's been seeking. From classic literature to the Academy Award-winning film and Broadway musical, Ariel's undersea journey is a beautiful love story for the ages.

Auditions February 18!

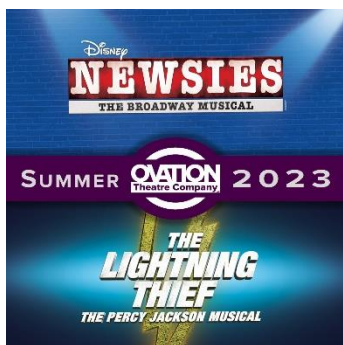


July – August 2023

Summer Musicals

Ovation hits the stage this summer with two widely acclaimed hit musicals! **In July:** Set in turn-of-the-century New York City, charismatic newsboy Jack Kelly rallies a band of teenaged "newsies" from across the city to strike against their unfair conditions and fight for what's right. **In August:** Adapted from the best-selling book by Rick Riordan and featuring a thrilling original rock score, *The Lightning Thief* is an action-packed mythical adventure "worthy of the gods".

Audition info coming soon!



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