

KVTA STUDIOS' BLACK BOX THEATRE • 1 STUART DRIVE KANKAKEE IL 60901

SEPTEMBER 16-17 & 23-24, 2023



LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

BASED ON THE FILM BY ROGER CORMAN
SCREENPLAY BY CHARLES GRIFFITH



DIRECTED BY: JORDYN WARD



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A Note from the Director . . .

Directing *Little Shop of Horrors* has truly been an amazing experience full of laughter and mystery. I couldn't have asked for a better experience as a first-time Director. I would like to start off by thanking the KVTa Board for giving me the opportunity to start my directing journey! I would love to thank the cast for all of their hard work and dedication to the show. I couldn't have pictured a more talented cast. Thank you to Ivy for being there from the very beginning. I appreciate the dedication to making this show beautiful and comical. I'm so lucky to have you as my Assistant Director to bounce ideas off of no matter how crazy they are. You have been such an incredible Assistant Director and friend to have by my side throughout it all. To my Grandma Pat, you have been such a wonderful mentor to me my entire life, both on and off-stage and truly I hope I have made you proud as a Director because I learned it all from you. Having you as my Assistant Director has truly been a blessing. Bruce, thank you for taking on this role as Vocal Director. You have been such a light to our cast, and have allowed them to blossom through your positive personality and uplifting musical advice. I would also like to thank Thomas for your energetic and creative choreography. You truly helped our actors shine on stage! To Nicole and April, thank you for all the time and effort you have put into this show in making our cast look phenomenal on stage. To Art and Sharla, thank you for making my vision into a reality. You truly have gone above and beyond expectations and have made the show come to life. To Tori, thank you for being my right-hand lady. I appreciate the dedication and hard work you have put into making sure the show runs smoothly and effortlessly. I would like to thank Carol for being a mastermind behind our props and making sure our cast has everything they need to tell this story and make the show a success. And thank you Kayla for being my Production Coordinator and keeping me on track, as well as always having an answer to my questions. To my husband Sam, thank you for all the late-night projects and for always supporting me in every endeavor I have on and off stage. Thank you for putting up with my crazy in between getting married and putting on a show all within the same week. I truly couldn't have done it without you. Lastly, I would like to thank the audience for attending our production. Community theatre is so important to so many and it could not continue without you.

And remember, Don't Feed the Plants!

Thank You,
Jordyn Clark

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Scenes & Musical Numbers

Act I

Prologue (Little Shop of Horrors).....	Chiffon, Crystal, Ronnette
"Skid Row (Downtown)".....	Company
"Da-Doo".....	Chiffon, Crystal, Ronnette, Seymour
"Grow for Me".....	Seymour
"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, Seymour
"Feed Me (Git It)".....	Seymour, Audrey II
"Now (Its Just the Gas)".....	Seymour, Orin

There will be a 15 minute intermission.

No food or drink is allowed in the Black Box Theatre.

No drinking or smoking is allowed on the premises.

There will be a loud gunshot during Act II.

We sincerely appreciate your cooperation with these policies.

Act II

"Call Back in the Morning".....	Seymour, Audrey
"Suddenly, Seymour".....	Seymour, Audrey
"Suppertime".....	Audrey II
"The Meek Shall Inherit".....	Company
"Finale (Don't Feed the Plants)".....	Company

Cast

(*Denotes first appearance in a Kankakee Valley Theatre Association production.)

Seymour Krelborn.....	Kevin Soto
Audrey.....	Anna Maria D'Ortenzio
Mr. Mushnik.....	Paul Snyder
Orin Scrivello.....	Kyle Cassady
Audrey II.....	Miles Kolby Meador
Audrey II Puppeteer.....	Scott Christensen
Doo Wop Girl-Crystal.....	Aisa M. Rogers
Doo Wop Girl-Ronnette.....	Katherine Carl*
Doo Wop Girl-Chiffon.....	Trinity Dunn
Ensemble.....	Melissa Daniels
	Bryar Homan
	Riley Lingo



Production Staff

Director	Jordyn Clark
Co-Assistant Directors	Ivy Anderson & Pat Ward
Vocal Director	Bruce Heyen
Choreographer	Thomas McMahon
Production Coordinator	Kayla James
Co-Costumers	April Allen & Nicole Klimzak
Set Builder	Art Meyer
Set Decorator	Sharla Ronchetto Greg Ronchetto
Rehearsal Pianist.....	Janell Heyen
Properties	Carol Snyder
Stage Manager	Tori Harle Darice Minton, Riley Lingo, Bryar Homan
Hair/Makeup.....	Elizabeth James
Box Office	Tricia Kohan
House	Christine Case
Split-the-Pot	Jim Kravat
Stage Door Lounge	Rozy Labriola
Programs	Kimberly Hall Kayla James, Courtney Stephens, Pat Ward, Jordyn Clark
Publicity	Sharla Ronchetto Stephen Menard, Courtney Stephens, Andrew McBurnie
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Sound	Main Street Music Production Holden Hall

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Meet the Cast

Katherine Carl (Doo Wop Girl-Ronnette) Katherine and her husband Jeremy Noncz live in Manteno and she is an Assistant Professor of Business Analytics at Governors State University. She recently played Meg March in *Little Women*. Katherine says, "Special thanks to this welcoming cast, crew, and directorial team, and to my wonderful husband Jeremy for his everlasting support."

Kyle Cassady (Orin Scrivello) Kyle lives in Bourbonnais with his wife Deena, daughter Nadia, and son Nathan. He is a professional actor and the training and safety coordinator for Shoup Manufacturing. Kyle has been performing professionally across the country from off Broadway in NYC to Chicago to Montana for 18 years. Kyle adds, "Thank you to Bruce, Ivy, and Jordyn for giving me this opportunity and thank you to all my babysitters, my wife, and my kids for always supporting me in my acting career."

Scott Christensen (Audrey II Puppeteer) A resident of Kankakee, Scott is married to Sara and has two daughters, Ruby and Zoey. Scott is the Adult Protective Services Supervisor through Catholic Charities. In 2022, Scott portrayed Ichabod Crane with KVTa in *A Night in Sleepy Hollow*.

Melissa Daniels (Ensemble) Melissa and her husband Gerald live in Bradley with their son Elliot and daughter LilyAnne. She is employed as a Speech Language Pathologist at Bradley East School and Therapy to Grow. Recently, Melissa was an Acting Buddy with Easy Street Theater in Kankakee. She shares, "I love this weird show and am thankful to be a part of it. I am grateful to my family for their support and to this cast and staff who have made this so fun."

Anna Maria D'Ortenzio (Audrey) Anna Maria lives in Chicago where she is a Senior at DePaul University. She most recently was seen on the KVTa stage portraying Nina in the 2023 production of *In The Heights*. Anna Maria would like to thank Jordyn, Ivy, her amazing cast members, and her parents for always supporting her!

Trinity Dunn (Doo Wop Girl-Chiffon) A resident of Bourbonnais, Trinity is a Dance Instructor at Dance Alive! Dance Studio. She was the Choreographer for the 2023 KVTa production of *In The Heights*. Trinity says, "Thank you to our entire production team for being amazing and everyone who supports and encourages me. I love all of you guys!"

Bryar Homan (Ensemble) Bryar lives in Bradley and is employed by Starbucks. Bryar was recently seen in the 2023 ensembles of KVTa's *In the Heights* and Acting Out Theatre's *Cinderella*.

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Riley Lingo (Ensemble) A resident of Manteno, Riley attends Kankakee Community College. Riley was recently seen on the KVTa stage in the 2023 production of *In the Heights*.

Miles Kolby Meador (Audrey II) Miles lives in Manteno and works as a liaison for Agiliti Surgical Services. He recently portrayed King Herod in KVTa's 2023 production of *Jesus Christ Superstar*. Miles adds, "Thanks to all my family and friends who have continued to support me over the years in my pursuit of the arts! Enjoy the show!"

Aisa Rogers (Doo Wop Girl-Crystal) Aisa lives in Bourbonnais where she is employed as a barista and actress. She has been a part of numerous shows since 2015 from high school to college, and now professional and community theatre with KVTa. Aisa says, "Thank you to my family and friends for always supporting and pushing me to go further than I thought I was capable of."

Paul Snyder (Mr. Mushnik) A resident of Kankakee, Paul is employed at Urban Farmer in the Inventory Department. He was last seen on the KVTa stage in 2023 as the role of Caiaphas in *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

Kevin Soto (Seymour Krelborn) Kevin lives in Coal City and is employed as a school social worker. He recently portrayed Usnavi in KVTa's 2023 production of *In The Heights* and he is the Assistant Director for Romeoville High School's *Elf The Musical* this December. Kevin shares, "Thank you to the directing team for this amazing opportunity, and a special shout out to Jack, Ben, Rachel, and Jessica who continue to motivate my acting/directing!"



TICKETS:

6 for \$5

Arm's Length for \$10

The winning split-the-pot ticket will be drawn at intermission.

Meet the Production Staff

Jordyn Clark (Director) Jordyn and her husband Sam live in Ashkum where she is employed at the Ashkum Preschool. Earlier this year, Jordyn portrayed Mary in KVTa's production of *Jesus Christ Superstar* and she was also the Assistant Director for KVTa's *In the Heights*. Jordyn adds, "Thanks to this amazing cast, crew, and staff. Thanks to Ivy and Pat, my wonderful Assistant Directors who have been my rock since day one. I would also love to thank my mom (Kellee Ward) and my dad (Ryan Wells) for supporting me in anything and everything I do. And especially thank you to my husband Sam for dealing with my crazy idea of directing a show and getting married in the same month, without you this would not have been possible."

Ivy Anderson (Co-Assistant Director) Ivy lives in Kankakee and attends Kankakee Community College. Previously this year, Ivy played Benny in KVTa's *In the Heights*. Ivy says, "Special thanks to Jordyn for pushing me into a directorial role and stepping outside of my comfort zone, as well as the cast for accepting me with open arms."

Pat Ward (Co-Assistant Director) Pat lives in Ashkum and is proud of her large family: Children-Brad (Stacey), Kellee (Ryan), Kirk (Becca); Grandchildren-Jordyn (Sam Clark), Marissa Ward (John Kidwell), Trenton, and Hunter Ward. Great Grandchildren-Dylan Ward, Daxon Kidwell, and Willow Kidwell. Pat began with YPT in 1990 and was a participant in many theatre rolls both onstage and offstage, including being on the YPT, KVTa, and CTW Theatre Boards since that time. Pat shares, "I have enjoyed working with my granddaughter on her first show as a Director. It has been a pleasure working with everyone involved in *Little Shop of Horrors!*"

Bruce Heyen (Vocal Director) Bruce and his wife Janell live in Bourbonnais with their daughter Mare. He is a Chemistry Professor at Olivet Nazarene University. Bruce recently played the role of Sparky in KVTa's 2022 production of *Plaid Tidings*. Bruce adds, "Thanks to the great cast and crew and my wife."

Thomas McMahon (Choreographer) Thomas and his fiancé Tyler live in Bradley. He is a Paraprofessional at Liberty Intermediate School in Bourbonnais. In 2022, Thomas was the Choreographer and Director for *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* with Highland Performing Arts Group. Thomas says, "Thank you to my found family for always being the best support system, to my mother for her support, and especially Tyler for everything. Enjoy the show!"

Kayla James (Production Coordinator) Kayla, her husband Dana, and their daughters Kristina, Madison, Lily, and Abigail live in Kankakee. Kayla has been the costumer for multiple KVTa shows. Kayla shares, "Thank you to this cast and staff for putting on an amazing production!"

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Arthur Meyer (Set Builder) A resident of Kankakee, Art is married to Casey and they have two children, Margie and Artie. Art is employed at Court Street Ford as a Service Advisor. He previously assisted with set and prop construction for KVTa's *Beauty and the Beast* and *Moana JR*. Onstage, he played Captain Scott in KVTa's *Peter and the Starcatcher*. Art adds, "Thanks to my family for their help and support."

Sharla Ronchetto (Set Decorator) Sharla and her husband Greg live in Bourbonnais. Sharla has many years of KVTa experience, both on and off stage, but this show is her first time as the Set Decorator. Sharla exclaims, "Thanks to Jordyn for trusting me in this new role and to Art for building a great set for me to decorate!"

Tori Harle (Stage Manager) Tori lives in Kankakee and is a Universal Banker at Midland States Bank. She was cast as a member of the ensemble in the 2023 KVTa production of *In The Heights*. Tori states, "I would like to thank Jordyn and Ivy for giving me this opportunity. Thank you for the support from my roommates and family. Remember, "don't feed the plants!"

Nicole Klimzak (Co-Costumer) Nicole lives in Kankakee and has a son, Miles. She is employed at LN Engineering. Nicole was recently seen on the KVTa stage as she portrayed Daniela in the 2023 production of *In the Heights*. Nicole shares, "I want to thank the cast and staff for being so wonderful to work with. All my love to my "barrio familia", to Thomas, and of course, my kiddo."

April Allen (Co-Costumer) A resident of Bourbonnais, this is April's first production with KVTa! April states, "I want to first thank my son, the Assistant Director, for this opportunity. Thank you to all of the cast for being so nice and to the board for allowing me. Y'all are all awesome!"

Carol Snyder (Properties) Carol is married to Michael and is a retired RN. She has been working backstage jobs since her children started in YPT about 30 years ago! Carol adds, "Thank you to Jordyn for trusting me in this job and letting me work in a production with my son, Paul, once again!"

Elizabeth James (Hair/Makeup) Elizabeth lives in Bradley with her children Jace, Chance, and Penelope. She is employed as the Regional Sales Manager for Legend PPF. Elizabeth was previously the makeup chair for KVTa's 2022 production of *Guys and Dolls*. Elizabeth says, "Thanks to my incredibly supportive boyfriend Jerrimy for always being my biggest fan."

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Janell Heyen (Rehearsal Pianist) Janell and her husband Bruce, the Vocal Director for *Little Shop of Horrors*, live in Bourbonnais. They have 5 children and the best grandson ever! Janell recalls, "In 2016 we had just moved to this community and I was the Piano Accompanist for *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. This was our first experience with KVTa!"

Joel Knapper (Light Tech) Joel and his wife Dawn live in Bourbonnais. Joel is the Director of Support for Applied Systems and also serves as the Vice President on the Board of Directors for KVTa. Joel states, "Thank you to the Director and staff for being asked to be a part of the show."

Cole Pilbeam (Light Tech Assistant) Cole is the son of Megan and Mike Pilbeam and is a 6th grader at Manteno Elementary School. One of Cole's favorite roles with KVTa was in 2022 as a Penguin and the understudy for Michael Banks in *Mary Poppins JR*. Cole adds, "A very special thanks to KVTa staff for believing in me and giving me the support to learn more about something I love!"

Holden Hall (Sound Tech Assistant) Holden is the son of Dan and Kimberly Hall and is a Junior at Kankakee High School. Holden recalls one of his favorite roles was playing George Banks in KVTa's 2022 production of *Mary Poppins JR*. Holden says, "Thank you to KVTa for allowing me to be a part of my favorite musical *Little Shop of Horrors*!"



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