

MEDIA RELEASE

1 November 2021

For immediate release

THE
COURT
THEATRE

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

Directed by Benjamin Henson

Musical Direction by Richard Marrett

Sponsor: Golden Healthcare Group

Location: The Court Theatre, Addington, Christchurch

Dates: 20 November 2021 – 15 January 2022

Short show description:

Larger than life and twice as much fun, *Little Shop of Horrors* is the full-blooded, feel-good hit of the summer!

In this dazzling revival, the beloved story of hapless florist Seymour and his blood-thirsty singing plant is brought to life in outrageous technicolour. Much loved hits include "Somewhere That's Green", "Feed Me" and "Suddenly Seymour".

One of the most successful musicals of all time, *Little Shop of Horrors* is visually and vocally stunning, delightfully hilarious and outrageously fun. Feed your curiosity (but not the plants) at The Court Theatre this Summer.

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Book & Lyrics by **HOWARD ASHMAN** Music by **ALAN MENKEN**

Based on the film by **ROGER CORMAN**, screenplay by **CHARLES GRIFFITH**
Originally produced by **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**
By arrangement with **Music Theatre International (Australasia)**

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"After such a challenging year for many, The Court Theatre is thrilled to put on such an excitingly vibrant show for the people of Ōtautahi Christchurch to enjoy over the summer period" says The Court Theatre's Chief Executive, Barbara George.

Based on the film originally released in 1960 and immortalised on film in the iconic 1986 movie, *Little Shop of Horrors* has also been captivating theatre audiences across the globe for decades. Ever pioneering the arts in Aotearoa, The Court Theatre was the first company to present the work outside of America back in 1987 - before anywhere else in the world. Now The Court are beyond thrilled to bring the show's thrills and chills to a new generation.

"Whilst staying true to the original story, this is a fresh take hosting a wealth of surprises for the audience" says the show's award-winning Director, Benjamin Henson.

"With such an incredible cast and crew on board, the only option was to go big - then bigger still!", Benjamin continues. "Raucous family-time; cheeky girl's night or naughty Christmas party, audiences are really gonna get a ride!"

To ensure Benjamin's vision is met, there was only one choice of Designer. Having spell-bound audiences with the set of *Once*, Daniel Williams returns to The Court Theatre. Here he intertwines all elements, from costumes to set, from musicians to cast, creating a spectacular experience that will leave audiences begging to see the show more than once!

This Court Theatre Production of *Little Shop of Horrors* features a refreshingly diverse cast of Aotearoa's finest vocalists, including homegrown talent, Monique Clementson, in the iconic role of Audrey.

"We have a stunning balance of different cultures, talents, industry knowledge and experiences and, if we mix all our powers together in a beautiful human pie, it will taste immaculate! That makes me excited... and hungry!" says *Little Shop of Horrors* actress Brady Peeti.

With the entire cast and crew now all onsite and well into their rehearsals, The Court Theatre is already humming with excitement in anticipation for the show to open.

"*Little Shop of Horrors* is the summer hit we've all been waiting for. Seeing the magic that's created when Benjamin Henson and Daniel Williams are in a room together is like nothing I've ever seen before! This story is told in a way that tantalises the senses, creating an unforgettable experience for the people of Ōtautahi Christchurch." says The Court Theatre's Artistic Director, Dan Pengelly.

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★★★★★

The Times

Cast

Seymour Krelbourn

Audrey

Audrey 2

Orin

Mr Mushnik

Ronette

Chiffon

Crystal

SWING

Ronette/Chiffon/ Crystal (understudy)

Rutene Spooner

Monique Clementson

Brady Peeti

Roy Snow

Jonathan Martin

Ezra Williams

Kristin Paulse

Jane Leonard

Ben Freeth

Tiahli Martyn

Musician – Reed 1

Musician - Guitar

Musician - Drums

Musician – Keys 2

Musician – Keys 2 (Dep)

Musician - Bass

Musician – Reed 2

Musician - Trumpet

Musician - Trumpet

Georgina Rees-Stevenson

Michael Ferrar

Mitchell Thomas

Kimberley Wood

Caelan Thomas

Bradley Grainger

Jimmy Rainey

Iain McLachlan

Barrett Hocking

Creatives

Director

Musical Director

Choreographer

Set and Costume Designer

Lighting Designer

Sound Designer

Stage Manager

Benjamin Henson

Richard Marrett

Kira Josephson

Daniel Williams

Giles Tanner

Glen Ruske

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Ticket Prices

Adult	\$77 - \$86
Senior (65+)	\$70 - \$77
Group (6+)	\$73
Friends of The Court	\$67 - \$75
Community Services or KiwiAble Leisure cardholders	\$43
Children (under 18)	\$30 - \$43
30 Below (aged 30 & under)	\$30

Call Box Office to book

Show Times

- Monday & Thursday 6:30pm
- Tue/Wed/Fri/Sat 7:30pm
- Forum (incl. Cast and Crew Q&A) 6:30pm Monday 29 November

Bookings: phone 0800 333 100 or visit www.courttheatre.org.nz

Images can be found at The Court Theatre's [Media Centre](#)

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