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THEATRE TUSCALOOSA PRESENTS AN OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD SEASON OPENER: Little Shop of Horrors

October 9, 2013 (TUSCALOOSA, AL) – Theatre Tuscaloosa will present Little Shop of Horrors Oct. 25 – Nov. 3 in the Bean-Brown Theatre on Shelton State’s Martin Campus.

From the award-winning songwriting team of Howard Ashman and Alan Menken, Little Shop of Horrors tells the story of a down-and-out skid row floral assistant named Seymour who becomes an overnight sensation when he discovers an exotic plant from outer space with a mysterious craving for fresh blood. Soon the plant, Audrey II, grows into an ill-tempered, tough-talking, R&B singing carnivore who offers Seymour fame and fortune in exchange for feeding its growing appetite. This musical comedy is an affectionate spoof of 1950s sci-fi movies and is based on the 1986 film by Roger Corman, which starred Steve Martin and Rick Moranis, and the 1960 screenplay by Charles Griffith.

Tina Turley, director and executive producer, said she is excited to be directing a show with so much potential.

“Little Shop of Horrors has a huge following and we are thrilled to be putting together a show that is surely to be a hit with our audiences,” Turley said. “The cast is immensely talented, the production team is hard-working and creative, the script is well-written and the musical numbers are the kind you can listen to over and over again.”

Working alongside Turley is an experienced and talented production team including Music Director Terry Moore, Choreographer Beth Key Patrick, Resident Costumer Jeanette Waterman, Set Designer Andy Fitch, Lighting Designer John Hisey and Sound Designer Frank Duren.

The cast for this production includes Wesley Rorex as Seymour, Scarlett Walker as Audrey, Charles Prosser as Mushnik, Danny Salter as the Dentist and Bucky Clements and Clemmie LaShaun Hilton as the puppeteer and voice of Audrey II, respectively. Other cast members include: Sara Kathryn Bonds, Myiesha J. Duff, Diva Hall, Brandon Kalusa, Kaylee Macknight, NorQuina “Q” Rieves and Logan Spradley.

Theatre Tuscaloosa’s 2013-14 Season: Cheers to 15 Years! is presented in cooperation with Shelton State Community College and is sponsored by Jamison Money Farmer and Co. and AL.com. Little Shop of Horrors is sponsored by Tanner & Guin LLC and Left Hand Soap Company. Additional sponsors include Ameriprise Financial, Afflink, Warrior Roofing Manufacturing Inc., Mercedes, Martin Luther King, Jr. Realizing the Dream Series, f8 Productions, TotalCom Marketing and Townsquare Media.
*Little Shop of Horrors* will be presented Oct. 25 – Nov. 3 in the Bean-Brown Theatre on Shelton State Community College’s Martin Campus, 9500 Old Greensboro Road. Performances will take place Thursdays-Saturdays at 7:30pm and Sundays and Wednesday at 2pm. All proceeds of a pay-what-you-can final dress rehearsal on Thursday, Oct. 24, at 7:30 pm, will benefit the Charlie Dennis Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Tickets are $22 for adults, $18 for seniors (60+) and $14 for students and children. Special rates are available for groups of 10 or more. Season subscriptions, which can save patrons 15 percent on single ticket purchases, are still available for a limited time.

For more information about the 2013-14 season or to purchase tickets visit [www.theatretusc.com](http://www.theatretusc.com) or call (205) 391-2277.

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**Media Note:** If you would like to arrange to cover a performance of *Little Shop of Horrors*, a limited number of complimentary press passes are available. Contact Adam Miller at (205) 391-2925 or Amelia Webber at (205) 391-2277 to make arrangements.

*Theatre Tuscaloosa is a 501c3 not-for-profit community theatre located on the Martin Campus of Shelton State Community College. Theatre Tuscaloosa has been enriching the greater Tuscaloosa community since 1972 through quality theatrical productions and educational outreach.*