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Yeovil College presents.....

‘LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS’

Octagon Theatre, Yeovil

Wednesday 3rd, Thursday 4th and Friday 5th February 2010

Wednesday matinee starts at 2.30 pm. Evening shows at 7.30 pm.

Tickets £10 each (£8 concessions)

Box Office: 01935 422884

LITTLE SHOP OPENS AT THE OCTAGON AFTER TWO YEAR BREAK...

Following a two-year gap, the annual Yeovil College production is returning to the Octagon Theatre, Yeovil, with a colourful new version of ‘Little Shop of Horrors’.

Orphan Seymour Krelborn (Will Poulton) works in a run-down florists shop owned by Mr Mushnik (Gary Brooks). Seymour is in love with his co-worker, Audrey (Lorna Hinton), who lives in fear of her violent dentist boyfriend (Sam Rich). After an eclipse, Seymour finds a mysterious plant, which he names Audrey II and decides to look after. Unfortunately, it soon becomes clear that Audrey II (voiced by Nathan Deleon) needs more than just sunlight and water and Seymour finds himself nursemaid to the man-eating weed. The shop flourishes, Seymour grows famous and love blossoms between Seymour and Audrey, but is it at too great a price?

The show was adapted from Roger Corman’s film version in the early ‘80s by Howard Ashman. Since then it has become a firm favourite due to its unusual story line and popular songs, such as ‘Somewhere That’s Green’, ‘Dentist!’, ‘Suddenly Seymour’ and ‘Feed Me!’.

Will Poulton (19) of Yeovil play the hapless Seymour. Will first performed on stage in ‘Dick Whittington’ at the age of five and, following a gap year, he hopes to go to drama school and pursue a career in Performing Arts. He said *“When the auditions for this came up, I was playing the lead in ‘Footloose’. I was playing a really cool character called Ren McCormack, so I wanted to try for the more geeky Seymour because he’s the exact opposite of Ren. It’s really cool to play two completely different types of character in two different shows. My favourite number in the show is ‘Git It’, which is when we hear Audrey II speak for the first time. It’s a funny, wacky show with an underlying bit of seriousness and an important message – don’t feed the plants!”*

Audrey is played by Lorna Hinton (17) of Martock. She appeared in Stanchester School’s production of ‘Little Shop of Horrors’ in 2007 and recently played her first lead role at Yeovil College in ‘Vinegar Tom’. She said *“I’m really excited about playing Audrey. I’d recommend coming to the show because it’s so much fun to watch as well as be in. It’s funny, it’s sad, it’s about love – it’s just great to watch! And the musical numbers are really great!”*

Gary Brooks (18) of Marston Magna plays Mr Mushnik, the opportunistic shop owner. He recently won a one of the College’s Further Education Awards for his backstage work, but has appeared front of house in many of the College’s shows. He said *“People should definitely come to see ‘Little Shop of Horrors’ because it’s a great comical musical and has a love story too. I love performing ‘Mushnik and Son’. It’s my biggest time to shine and shows the funny side of the character. It’s been challenging, because there is a lot to think about physically, as well as Mushnik’s accent, but I really enjoy the way he thinks and seeks new opportunities. I’m thoroughly enjoying it and I’m sure the audience will too.”*

Director-lecturer Ben Woof is an ex-Yeovil College student with fond memories of performing in College shows including 'Cabaret' and 'Chicago'. He said "*This is my first outing as director of the College production and I am very much enjoying the challenge. The students have worked very hard to create a spectacular show and it is already creating a buzz. We're delighted to be back at the Octagon after a two year break and we hope that the Yeovil College production will continue to be a highly anticipated annual event.*"

'**Little Shop of Horrors**' will be on at the Octagon Theatre in Yeovil on Wednesday 3rd, Thursday 4th and Friday 5th February 2010. The show starts at 7.30 each evening with a matinee on Wednesday at 2.30. Tickets are £10 (concessions £8). Call the Box Office now on 01935 422884.

For more information on Yeovil College's Performing Arts courses, visit www.yeovil.ac.uk or email info@yeovil.ac.uk.

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Notes to Editors

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Complete Cast List

Character	Actor	Age	Home Town/Village
Seymour	Will Poulton	19	Yeovil
Audrey	Laura Hinton	17	Martock
Audrey II	Nathan Deleon (Voice)	18	Yeovil
Mr Mushnik	Gary Brooks	18	Marston Magna
Orin (Dentist)	Sam Rich	16	Mosterton
Crystal	Stella Bartle (First and third performances)	18	Yeovil
	Anishka Klass (second and fourth performances)	17	South Petherton
Ronette	Poppy Rendell (First and third performances)	17	Yeovil
	Stella Bartle (second and fourth performances)	18	Yeovil
Chiffon	Amy Batty (First and third performances)	16	Yeovil
	Sian Doble (second and fourth performances)	19	Yetminster
Mrs Luce/Snip/Agent/Bernstein	Ashley Rushton	18	Henstridge
Patrick Martin	Mark Siddal	17	Yeovil
Customer	Chantelle Bargery		
Interviewer	Adam Ridout		
Winos	Alex Helyar/Gemma McQueen/Adam Ridout		

CHORUS

Rob Coady, Mark Siddal, Sam Rich, Alex Dickenson, Aiden Cooper, Alex Helyar, Sheryl Bales, Jess Hamilton-Griffin, Dannielle Turner, Gemma Duke, Harri Pike, Chantelle Bargery, Rochelle Norris, Adam Ridout, Emma McConnell, Carrie Smith, Gemma McQueen, Matt Palmer, Sarah Williams, Olivia Llewelyn, Katie-Louise McElliot.