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The Gallery Players presents

# **LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS**

Book and Lyrics by Howard Ashman, Music by Alan Menken  
Directed and Choreographed by Joe Barros

## **THE GALLERY PLAYERS LANDS A STELLAR CAST AND AWARD-WINNING CREATIVE TEAM FOR REVIVAL OF 'LITTLE SHOP'**

(NEW YORK, NY) – The Gallery Players announces cast and crew for its fall production of ***Little Shop of Horrors***. Directed and Choreographed by Joe Barros (2011 NYIT Award nominee, Outstanding Production of a Musical, TGP'S *Reefer Madness*) and produced by Regina Gatti, ***Little Shop of Horrors*** opens at Park Slope's The Gallery Players Saturday October 22.

One of the longest-running Off-Broadway shows of all time, this affectionate spoof of 1950s sci-fi movies has become a house-hold name thanks to a highly successful film version and a lively Motown rock 'n' roll score by the legendary songwriting team of Howard Ashman and Alan Menken. Charming, tuneful, and hilarious, ***Little Shop of Horrors*** is campy, tongue-in-cheek fun.

***Little Shop of Horrors*** stars Phillip Jackson Smith\* (*Oklahomo*, NYMF; ...*Spelling Bee*) as Seymour and one of Time Out New York's "top ten local women every gay man should know - and become obsessed with," cabaret personality Emily McNamara, as Audrey. Ms. MacNamara's Off Broadway credits include *My Big Gay Italian Wedding*, *Awesome 80's Prom* and *My First Time*.

***Little Shop of Horrors*** features Ryan Hilliard\* (OFF B'WAY: *See Rock City, and Other Destinations; Grey Gardens*, DC Studio Theatre) as Mushnik, Paul Sadlik\* as Orin, and Tamala Baldwin, Debra Thais Evans (NAT'L TOUR: *Hairspray*) and Vasthy Mompoin\* (BWAY: *Mary Poppins, Good Vibrations*) as Crystal, Ronnette and Chiffon. Babs Rubenstein\* (*Fat Camp*) will voice the infamous Audrey II and the puppeteer is Thomas Bradfield (TV: *Johnny and the Sprites*; OFF BWAY: John Tartaglia's *ImaginOcean*). \*Appearing courtesy Actor's Equity Association.

Led by director and choreographer Joe Barros (*I Married Wyatt Earp*, 59E59 Theatres; Fringe NYC's *The Legend of Julie Taymor*), ***Little Shop of Horrors*** is brought to life by a top notch creative and production team. Says Barros, "Our production will not only be a Faustian re-telling, but will further explore Seymour's relationship with Audrey I and the seductive Audrey II. There are a few other surprises that I am excited about which are sure to make this incredible musical feel fresh." Regina Gatti is the producer on behalf of The Gallery Players.

Puppet Designers Fergus J. Walsh (*The Wind-Up Bird Chronicle*, Edinburgh International Festival) and Michael Bush will reconceive the original plant puppet designs; Lilli Wosk is the Music Director. The Set Designer is Harlan Penn, Costume Designer is Ryan Moller (2011 NYIT Award, Outstanding Costume Design, TGP's *The Drowsy Chaperone*), Lighting Designer is Dan Jobbins (TGP's *Like You Like It*), Sound Designer is Ann Warren and the Props Master is Laura Merrill. Casting is by Daryl Eisenberg for Daryl Eisenberg Casting. Andy Lott is the Associate Producer/Choreographer, Nick Brennan is the Associate Director. The Production Stage Manager is Katherine S. Ferguson\*

***Little Shop of Horrors*** opens Saturday, October 22 at 8pm and runs Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm, and Sundays at 3pm through Sunday, November 13. There will be special 2pm matinees on Saturdays November 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.



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Tickets to ***Little Shop of Horrors*** are \$18 for adults, \$14 for Seniors & Children 12 and under. Individual tickets can be purchased by calling TheaterMania at (212) 352-3101, or online at [www.galleryplayers.com](http://www.galleryplayers.com). The Gallery Players is located at 199 14th St., between 4th and 5th Aves. in Park Slope, Brooklyn. Take the F Train to 4th Ave. or the R Train to 9th Street. By car: BQE to Hamilton Avenue to 14th Street.

A New York institution since 1967, ***The Gallery Players*** has served actors and audiences alike for more than 4 decades by showcasing burgeoning new talent and offering a home base for theater professionals. Its eclectic programming of intimate revivals and ambitious new work in inventive productions has earned it the reputation of “*New York’s Best Kept Secret.*” ***The Gallery Players*** is the recipient of the Off-Off Broadway Review’s 2000 Award for Lifetime Achievement and was the recipient of New York Innovative Theatre Award for Outstanding Production of a Musical in 2007, 2008, 2009 & 2011 for their productions of *Urinetown! the musical*, *Yank! A New Musical*, *Like You Like It* and *The Drowsy Chaperone*. The Gallery Players’ production of *The Drowsy Chaperone* also took home awards for Outstanding Costume Design, Choreography and Ensemble. Among the theatre’s famous alumni are founding member Harvey Fierstein; Broadway regulars Nancy Anderson, Jeffrey Denman and Diedre Goodwin; New York theater personality Seth Rudetsky and many others.

The Gallery Players’ 45<sup>th</sup> Season continues this winter with Craig Lucas’ ***Reckless***, December 3-18, 2011; ***A Man of No Importance***, January 28-February 19, 2012; ***A Raisin in the Sun***, March 17-April 1, 2012; ***Wonderful Town***, April 28 - May 20, 2012 and ***The 15th Annual Black Box New Play Festival*** runs May 31-June 24, 2012.

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