

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## **For Immediate Release**

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**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:**

## **Tickets go on sale today for Theatre Company's production of *Little Shop of Horrors***

**Seven shows to be performed July 20-21 and 26-28 at L.J. Williams Theater, 1001 W. Main St., Visalia**

This month, the Theatre Company is preparing to perform *Little Shop of Horrors* with a twist. The popular rock musical about Seymour, a hapless florist shop worker who raises a man-eating plant from outer space, is being staged in the 1980s, rather than the 1960s when it was originally set. Seymour, his man-eating plant, Audrey, Mr. Mushnik, the crazed dentist, and all the supporting characters from their Skid Row neighborhood will be transported to the era of Madonna and Members Only jackets. "Taking this cult classic and putting it onstage with a twist has been more fun and challenging than any of us originally imagined," said Theatre Company director Bethany Rader. "While the show is designed to take place in the '60s, as we listened to the new cast recording, we envisioned Skid Row as an '80s punk scene with the character of Audrey heavily influenced by singer, Madonna."

*Little Shop of Horrors* is a high-energy production from the moment the curtain opens. One musical number leads right into the next – songs written in early rock and roll and Motown styles. *Little Shop of Horrors* premiered Off-Off-Broadway in 1982. The production was critically acclaimed and won several awards including the 1982–1983 New York Drama Critics Circle Award for Best Musical, the Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Musical, and the Outer Critics Circle Award. In 1986, the musical was made into a movie of the same name.

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## **SCHEDULE OF PERFORMANCES**

L.J. Williams Theater, 1001 West Main Street, Visalia

### **Show Times**

Evening Shows (7:30 p.m.): July 20, 21, 26, 27, and 28

Matinee Shows (2:00 p.m.): July 21 and 28

### **Show Ticket Information**

\$15 general admission / \$25 VIP tickets

available at Visalia TCOE locations beginning July 5:

6200 S. Mooney Blvd. and 7000 Doe Ave.

Monday through Friday during normal business hours.

Cash or check only.

Tickets can also be purchased at the door or by phone by calling (559) 651-1482, ext. 3329.

### **Principle Characters**

**Seymour Krelborn** played by Parker Chalabian (Redwood High School)

**Audrey** played by Chloe Hunt (Golden West High School)

**Mr. Mushnik** played by Bryce Huckabay (Redwood High School graduate)

**Audrey II Voice** played by Andrew Cantelmi (Redwood High School graduate)

**Audrey II Puppet Master** played by Eli Adams (Mt. Whitney High School)

**Orin Scrivello, DDS** played by Christian Lee (El Diamante High School)

**Urchins** played by Julia Galvan (Redwood High School graduate), Carlos Gomez (University Preparatory)

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High School), Trinity Keoseyan (El Diamante High School), Logan Lancaster (Eleanor Roosevelt

Community Learning Center), Allison Martin (El Diamante High School), and Job Whetstone (Mt. Whitney High School)

For information on the upcoming production of *Little Shop of Horrors*, call the Theatre Company at (559) 651-1482.

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