# SIMPSON COLLEGE

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November 14 & 15 at 7:30 p.m.

November 16 at 2 p.m.

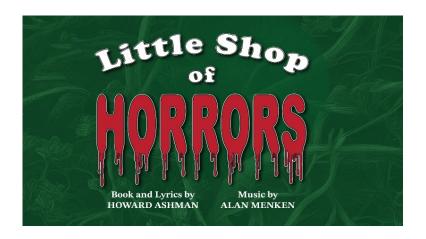
November 17 in conjunction with the 28th annual High School Theatre Festival

**Blank Performing Arts Center** 

**Pote Theatre** 

**LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS** is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com

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**Director** 

Jennifer Ross Nostrala

**Scenic & Prop Designer** 

Natalie Hining-Bruce

Costume/Hair & Make-up Designer

Caroline Frias

**Stage Manager** 

Katrina Colahan

**Music Director** 

**Damon Stevens** 

**Lighting Designer** 

Rick Goetz

Choreographer

Natalie Schmit

**Dramaturg/Assistant Director** 

Hannah Larsen

#### Cast

Crystal	Elainë Frey
Chiffon	Jasper McGrath
Ronnette	Leah Wilson
Mushnik	Michael Thacker
Audrey	Harley Andrews
Seymour	Diego Solorio
Orin, 2 et. al	Aaron Scholes
Wino #1	Ben Hodges
Audrey II Voice	Maxwell Wearmouth-Gweah
Audrey II Manipulation	King Barnett

#### **Band**

## **Keyboard/Conductor**

**Damon Stevens** 

**Keyboard**Francine Griffith

**Bass**Gary Goudelock

**Guitar**Don Salting

**Percussion** Jordan Gould

#### <There will be one 15-minute intermission>

Please make sure cell phones and alarms are turned off; and please no text messaging during the performance.

Concessions are offered in the main lobby before the show and during Intermission. Concessions may be brought back into the theatre.

Restrooms are located on the main and upper lobby levels

## **Musical Numbers**

## ACT I

"Prologue (Litle Shop of Horrors)"		
"Skid Row (Downtown)"		
"Da-Doo"Chiffon, Crystal, Ronnette		
"Grow for Me"Seymour		
"Don't It Go to Show Ya Never Know"Mushnik, Chiffon, Crystal, Ronnette, Seymour		
"Somewhere That's Green"Audrey		
"Closed for Renovations"Seymour, Audrey, Mushnik		
"Dentist!"Orin, Chiffon, Crystal, Ronnette		
"Mushnik and Son"Mushnik and Seymour		
"Feed Me (Git It)"Seymour and Audrey II		
"Now (It's Just the Gas)"Seymour and Orin		
ACT II		
"Call Back in the Morning"Seymour and Audrey		
"Suddenly, Seymour"Seymour and Audrey		
"Suppertime"Audrey II		
"The Meek Shall Inherit"		
"Finale (Don't Feed the Plants)"		



## **Production Staff**

Technical Director	Natalie Hining-Bruce
Sound Director	
Dialect Coach	Ann Woldt
Sound Engineer	
Intimacy Coordinator	Stephanie Schneider
Assistant Stage Manager	Naomi Graves
Assistant Costume Designer	Robyn Aguilar
Prop & Deck Crew Head	Maddy Gunzenhauser
Prop & Deck Crew	.Brianna Murphy, Natalie Spencer, Sierra Wood
Fly Chief	Vanna Freese
Fly Crew	.Tye Landrum, Anastasia Peron, Chessa Strauser
Wardrobe Crew Head	Piper Jackman
Wardrobe Crew	Cory Cox, Paisha Goodrich, Juliet Low
Light Board Operator	McFarland
Sound Board Operator	Bekah Geerdes
Sound Techs	Kyl Bauer, Ethan Cahill
Box Office Manager	
House Manager	Arseydia Rodriguez
Front of House	Hannah Dank, Alicia Foster, Brooklyn Mastin, Kaeding Phillips
Poster Design	Mady Vasquez

**LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS** was originally Directed by Howard Ashman with Musical Staging by Edie Cowan

#### **Production Crew**

Scene Shop Supervisor: Natalie Hining-Bruce

Lighting and Sound Supervisor: Rick Goetz

Costume Shop Supervisor: Caroline Frias

Costume Construction Crew: Piper Jackman<sup>UGA</sup>, Robyn Aguilar, Jamilia

Artis, King Barnett, Jules Lowe, Sydney Meierotto

Set Construction Crew: Vanna Freese UGA, Aaron Scholes, Diego Solorio

Lighting Crew: Nox Bazer, Cory Cox, Hannah Dank, Bella Dix,

McFarland

Sound: Lupe Contreras UGA

Properties: Maddy Gunzenhauser UGA

#### **Simpson Productions**

Production Assistant: Hannah Larsen <sup>UGA</sup>

Marketing: Arseydia Rodriguez UGA

Faculty Supervisor of Marketing: Jennifer Nostrala

Audience Services: Amanda Orozco UGA

Faculty Supervisor for Audience Services: Kara Raphaeli

Recruitment/ Outreach: Bekah Geerdes UGA

Faculty Supervisor for Recruitment/Outreach: Ann Woldt

\*UGA-Undergraduate Assistant

## **Simpson Productions Student Leadership**

#### **Simpson Productions Scholarship Students**

Scholarship recipients hold theatre as an essential part of their lives and are an integral part of the Simpson Productions company.

King Barnett Naomi Graves Brooklyn Mastin

Cade Clark Maddy Gunzenhauser Anastasia Peron

Cory Cox Ben Hodges Arseydia Rodriguez

Alicia Foster Piper Jackman Diego Solario

Vanna Freese Tye Landrum Chessa Strauser

Bekah Geerdes Hannah Larsen Michael Thacker

Paisha Goodrich Juliet Low

#### **UGA-Undergraduate Assistants**

Undergraduate Assistants are positions across campus that are designed to offer students the opportunity to gain practical, in-depth experience complementing their formal education.

#### 2025-2026 UGAs

Sound--Lupe Contreras Props--Maddy Gunzenhauser

Tech Assistant--Vanna Freese Production Assistant--Hannah Larsen

Recruitment & Outreach--Bekah Audience Services--Amanda Orozco

Geerdes Marketing -- Arseydia Rodriguez

## **Meet the Simpson Productions Student Company**

Students involved in Simpson Productions come from a variety of disciplines across campus. Many of the students working on productions are theatre majors and minors, however, we also have criminal justice, math, communications, music and other majors working on the shows. We have some students who may not be in a production, but they do have a workstudy position in the department. The theatre department employs 20 students in lighting, costumes, and the scene shop. Simpson Productions couldn't produce our shows without *all* these students.



Robyn Aguilar, Asst. Costume Designer

Junior, Urbandale, IA

Majors: Theatre, Environmental

Science

Minors: Biology, Women & Gender Studies

Campus Activities: Choir, Undergraduate Research,

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Harley Andrews, Actor

Sophomore, Lehigh IA

Majors: Biochemistry, Criminal

Justice

Minor: Forensic Sciences Activities: Choir, Pi Beta Phi,

Omicron Delta Kappa, Co-President of Social Justice Alliance Club, President of Chemistry Club

Chemistry Lab Teaching Assistant



King Barnett, Actor

1st Year, Omaha, Nebraska
Major: Theater Arts
Activities: Theater



**Kyl Bauer, Sound Tech** 

1<sup>st</sup> Year, Knoxville, IA
Major: Environmental Science

Activities: Choir, Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, Orchestra,

Sustainability Club



**Ethan Cahill, Sound Tech** 

1<sup>st</sup> Year, Knoxville, IA

Major: History

Activities: Band, Jazz Band, and

Musical



Cade Clark, Box Office Manager

Senior, Leon, IA

Majors: History, Secondary

Education



Cory Cox, Wardrobe Crew

1<sup>st</sup> Year, Grimes, IA

Majors: History, Theatre



Hannah Dank, Front of House 1<sup>st</sup> Year, Des Moines, IA Majors: Theate, Psychology Activities: Pi Beta Phi, Theater, and Pride



Paisha Goodrich,
Wardrobe Crew
Sophomore, Des Moines, IA
Major: Theater Arts
Minor: Journalism

Activities: Choir, Tri Delta



Alicia Foster, Front of House 1<sup>st</sup> Year, Wahoo, Nebraska Major: Vocal Performance Activities: Chamber Choir, Jazz Band



Naomi Graves, Asst. Stage Manager 1st Year, Des Moines, IA Major: Theater Arts Minor: Graphic Design

Activities: Theater



Vanna Freese, Fly Chief
Junior, Monticello, Iowa
Major: Health and Exercise
Science

Minor: Biology Activities: Kappa Kappa Gamma and

Stormathon Board



Maddy Gunzenhauser,
Prop & Deck Crew Head
Junior, Humeston, IA
Year: Junior
Major: Theater

Minor: English

Activities: Kappa Theta Psi, Alpha Psi Omega, Sigma Tau Delta, and Choir



Elainë Frey, Actor Senior Winterset, IA Major: Vocal Performance Activities: Choir, Chamber Choir, Theater



**Ben Hodges, Actor** 1<sup>st</sup> Year, Urbandale, IA Major: Theater Arts Activities: Simpson Run Club, Choir



Bekah Geerdes, Sound Board Op Sophomore, Des Moines, IA Majors: Theatre, Educational Studies



Piper Jackman, Wardrobe Crew Head Senior, Cedar Rapids, IA Major: Computer Information Systems

Minor: Theater Arts Activities: Theater, Choir



**Tye Landrum, Fly Crew** First year, Ankeny, IA Majors: English, Education Minor: Theatre

Minor: Theatre
Activities: Theatre



Hannah Larsen,
Dramaturg/Asst. Director
Junior, Norwalk, IA
Majors: Theatre Arts,
Education Studies w/English

endorsement

Activities: Choir, Speech and Debate, ResLife, ODK, Campus Fellowship



Jules Low, Wardrobe Crew 1<sup>st</sup> Year, Portland, Oregon Major: Theater Arts Minor: Biology Activities: Theater, Choir



Brooklyn Mastin, Front of House 1st Year, Derby, IA Majors: Education Studies, Psychology

Activities: Theatre, TRIO



McFarland, Light Board Op Sophomore, Carroll, IA Major: Political Science Minor: History Activities: Mock Trial, band, pre-law society



Jasper McGrath, Actor Senior, Knoxville, IA Major: Criminal Justice Activities: College Choir, Chamber Singers, Pre-Law

Society, Student Justice Association, and Theater Arts



Brianna Murphy, Prop & Deck Crew

1st Year, Knoxville, IA

Majors: Secondary

Education, History

Activities: Choir, Theater, and Tri Delta



Anastasia Peron, Fly Crew 1<sup>st</sup> Year, Anita, IA Major: Criminal Justice Minor: Theater



Kaeding Phillips, Front of House 1st year, Knoxville, IA Major: Theatre Minor: Music

Activities: Choir, Speech and Debate, Theatre



Arseydia Rodriguez, House Manager Sophomore, Indianola, IA Major: Criminal Justice Minors: Spanish, Marketing

Activities: Theater, Choir



**Aaron Scholes, Actor** Senior, Oskaloosa, IA Major: Biology Minor: Music



Michael Thacker, Actor 1st Year, Des Moines, IA Major: undeclared Activities: Choir, Theater



Diego Solario, Actor Junior, Irvine, California Major: Theater Arts Activities: Choir, Theater



Leah Wilson, Actor Senior, Crescent, IA Majors: Music, Forensic Science Activities: Choir, Chamber Choir, Theater



Natalie Spencer, Prop & **Deck Crew** Sophomore, Winterset, IA Majors: Psychology, Sociology



Sierra Wood, Prop & Deck Crew Sophomore, Ankeny, IA Majors: Psychology, Neuroscience



Activities: Band, Jazz Band, Orchestra,

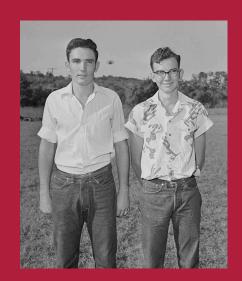
Choir

Minor: Theater



**Chessa Strauser, Fly Crew** 1<sup>st</sup> Year. Des Moines, IA Major: Undeclared Activities: TRIO

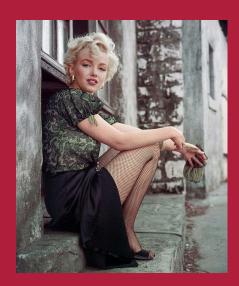
# **COSTUME DESIGN**



Seymour Research & Sketches



Audrey Research & Sketches



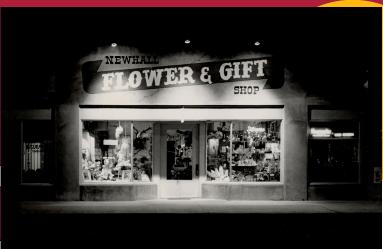


Costume Designs by Caroline Frias

# **SCENIC DESIGN**









Sketch of the flower shop. Scenic & Props Designer Natalie Hining-Bruce

## **Simpson Productions Would Like To Thank:**

Steven Strope

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#### **Simpson Productions Upcoming Shows**



#### THE OLD MAID & THE THIEF

By Gian Carlo Menotti Conductor, Damon Stevens

Director, Ann Woldt Barnum Studio Theatre

Feb. 20-21 at 7:30 pm and Feb. 22 at 2 pm, 2025

Originally commissioned for radio in 1939, The Old Maid and the Thief is a witty and satirical tale of gossip, deception, and the facades we maintain in the name of propriety. Set in a quiet American town, the opera follows the lives of Miss Todd and her housemaid Letitia as they take in a charming wanderer only to find themselves entangled in increasingly outrageous moral

compromises. This production brings Menotti's lively score and sharp humor to life in a clever recreation of that first radio play that's as thought-provoking as it is entertaining.



#### THE CHILDREN'S HOUR

By Lillian Hellman

Director, Kara Raphaeli

April 17-18 at 7:30 pm and April 19 at 2:00 pm

Pote Theatre

Rumor. Scandal. Destruction. Set in a school for girls run by two unmarried women, this 1934 play examines the destructive force of a homophobic moral panic. Once a malicious youngster starts a rumor about the two women, the community shuns them, leading to tragedy.

Reserve tickets through <u>Humanitix</u> or by contacting the Simpson Productions Box Office:

515-961-1601

bpacboxoffice@simpson.edu



Caroline Frias Costume Designer;

Costume Shop Supervisor; Courses in Design and Tech

**Rick Goetz** Lighting and Sound Designer;

Lighting and Sound Supervisor Courses in Design and Tech

Natalie Hining-Bruce Scene Designer; Technical Director;

Scene Shop Supervisor; Courses in Design and Tech

Jennifer Ross Nostrala Simpson Productions Producer;

Courses in Directing, Acting, Literature,

Script Analysis; Director

**Kara Raphaeli** Assistant Professor; Courses in Directing,

Plays and Performances, Script Analysis, World

Theatre; Director

**Damon Stevens** G. Dewey and M. Maine Larsen Chair in Opera;

Courses in Music History, Ensembles, Collaborative

Piano, Opera; Conductor

Ann Woldt Theatre Department Chair;

Recruitment & Outreach Coordinator; Courses in Acting, Voice, Script Analysis,

Interpretation; Director