

*Mercer Island High School Drama
Presents*

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

DIRECTED BY Katy Tyszkiewicz Ramsey

BOOK AND LYRICS BY Howard Ashman **MUSIC BY Alan Menken**

BASED ON THE FILM BY Roger Corman **SCREENPLAY BY Charles Griffith**



November 14-16 and 21-23 7PM

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Director

Katy Tyszkiewicz Ramsey

Music Director & Conductor

Annalise Rockow

Choreographer

Mimi Katano

Band Conductor

Bryan Kolk

Set Design

Sarah Giese

Lighting Design

Phoebe Kim, Kate Kosmiskas, & Hunter Maughan
Mentor- Lydia Hogg

Sound Design

Carmen Castillo, Trevor Hockley, Rowan Porteous, &
Robin Torris
Mentor- Sean Curran

Costume Design

Carolann Voltarel

Technical Consultant & Lead Electrician

Robin Giese

Sound Engineer

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Lead Carpenter

Sarah Giese

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by ROBBY MERKIN

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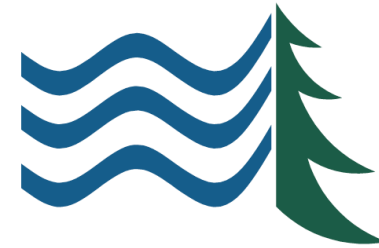


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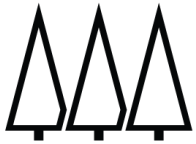


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Director's Note:

I feel so lucky to have gone on this wild journey with these amazing students. From the crew to the cast, each one of these students is an extraordinary human being, and I am just so sad that they will soon all be eaten by this carnivorous plant. *Little Shop of Horrors* is of course a campy, absurd, horror-musical, but we have discovered it is so much more than that. Through our session with Maddy Brockert of LifeWire when she educated and engaged with us regarding intimate partner violence, to our discussions around red-lining, racism, the failure of the American dream, addiction, and even the profile of a school shooter, we have dug deep into this material. These students are passionate, intelligent, and oh so talented. And we are all guided by six outstanding, creative theatre experts: Annalise Rockow, Mimi Katano, Sarah Giese, Sean Curran, Carolann Voltarel and Daniela Melgar! Last year at this time while I was directing *Spamalot*, I was discovering that my body had become a little shop of horror (I was diagnosed with breast cancer), so in some ways this play is a cathartic send up to the insidious nature of lurking danger. Furthermore, in this post-pandemic world with climate change and a consequential election in the balance, a musical pushing us to the end of human existence seems quite-fitting. So, whatever they offer you, please, please Don't Feed the Plant!

There will be a 10-minute intermission.

Setting

Skid Row - 1960

DATES

14th Opening
15th Friday
16th Saturday Matinee
16th Saturday Night
21st Thursday Night
22nd Friday
23rd Saturday Matinee
23rd Closing

CAST

Nitrous
Oxide
Oxide
Nitrous
Oxide
Nitrous
Nitrous
Oxide

CAST

Role Actor

Crystal Joy Rurangwa
Ronnelle Pilar Bousono
Chiffon Kaori Lancaster
Seymour (Nitrous) Katie McGuire
Seymour (Oxide) Kyle Gerstel
Audrey (Nitrous) Ren Evans
Audrey (Oxide) Omolara Olusanya
Mushnik (Nitrous) Jose Igtiben
Mushnik (Oxide) Alon Ten-Ami

Orin (Nitrous) Harry Giese
Orin (Oxide) Tiger Yang
Audrey Two Voice Jack Martin
Audrey Two Puppeteer Hunter Maughan
Wino #1/Ensemble Mirabelle Krafcik
Customer #1/Ensemble Liam Aggar
Mr. Chang Eva Peng
Interviewer/Ensemble Esme Dixon
Customer #2/Ensemble Everett Guillemette
Bernstein/Ensemble Meredith Weaver
Luce/Ensemble Anja Hutto
Snip/Ensemble Megan Mears
Martin/Ensemble Den Vaganov

ENSEMBLE

Cecilia Nice, Ava Carlson, Brier Dow, Zoey Friedman, Flor Jewell, Leisel Miller, Nieman Moses, Phoenix Miller, Ori Talby

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Was originally

Directed by Howard Ashman

with

Musical Staging by Edie Cowan

CREW

Stage Manager: Ruball Dhillon
Assistant Stage Manager: Phoebe Kim
The Leader of the Plant: Colin Dowdy
House Managers: Heather Chvany, Enrique Hernandez, Christine Kenyon & Daniela Melgar
Publicity Graphic Design: Shawn Linder
Photographer/Videographer: Alec Chvany
Lightboard Operator: Kate Kosmiskas
Sound Board Operator: Robin Torris
Prop Master: Parks Carson & Anouk Despres
Spotlight Operator: Eva Peng
Second Audio Assistant: Carmen Castillo
Stage Crew: Parks Carson, Kaitlyn Eikel, Rowan Porteous & Hannah Umar
Hair & Make-Up: June Bailey & Tessa Baumgarten
Dresser/Costumes: Hadley Suvarna
Box Office: Chloe Bahng
Meal Coordination: Erin McGuire
Program: Lital Ten-Ami

Audrey Two provided by Decatur High School. If you are interested in using them in your production, contact Toby Dycus at tdycus@fvps.org.

Puppets Designed by Martin P. Robinson

BAND

Conductor - Bryan Kolk and Annalise Rockow

Keyboard - Emily Cowgill
Bass - Mark Colbert
Guitar - Anthony Pooley
Drums - Scot Sexton

PRE-PRODUCTION TEAMS

Set Team: Parks Carson, Colin Dowdy, Kaitlyn Eikel, Alex Millman, Hadley Suvarna, Hannah Umar

Light Team: Phoebe Kim, Kate Kosmiskas, & Hunter Maughan

Sound Team: Carmen Castillo, Trevor Hockley, Rowan Porteous, & Robin Torris

Props Team: Tessa Baumgarten, Chloe Bahng, Anouk Despres, Ren Evans & Eva Peng

Saturday Build Help: Colin Dowdy, Olivia Ramsey, Ruball Dhillon, Andie Dondisch, Omolara Olusanya, Mika Salomon, Carmen Castillo, Robin Torris, Eva Peng, Kaitlyn Eikel, Cecilia Nice, Megan Mears, Greg Chvany, Jose Igtiben, Esme Dixon, Hadley Suvarna, Hunter Maughan, Ren Evans, Katie McGuire, Alex Millman, Alon Ten-Ami, Meredith Weaver, Kate Kosmiskas, Wilder Giannini-Upton, Sophia Mecklai

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World Botanical Enterprises Logo Created by AP Art & Graphic Design (teacher: Zac Corbin)

Lobby Live Plant Display Created by Advanced Horticulture (teacher: Elyse Forester)

Little Shop of Horrors Cast and Crew BIOS:



Audrey Two (Strange & Interesting Plant) hails from a distant world. Shout out to Zerb! Her hobbies include crocheting, yo-yoing, scrapbooking, streaming, and planet devouring. Find her on Twitch-[twitch.tv/PlantDomination](https://www.twitch.tv/PlantDomination). She is so

happy that you have all gathered for this very special and important program. And remember - always feed the plants.



Liam Aggar (Ensemble) is a bamboozled sophomore. He was in *Spamalot* a year ago. In his free time, he likes to procrastinate on his homework. He loves to yap. Once upon a time he walked 10.5 miles when it was 27

degrees outside. He loves going to the gym and he can deadlift 117 pounds. He can bench 95 pounds, and he can do 95 pounds overhead. Since February 2024 he hasn't eaten any candy or caffeine. He feels immaculate. When he isn't focusing on his health or writing with bad grammar. He is focusing on drama. He hopes you enjoy the show.



Tessa Baumgarten Does Hair & Make-Up for the play. She is also part of the theater tech class where she makes props for the play. Outside of theater she likes to write and compete in destination imagination, which she has been doing for 4 years. She recently joined the

speech and debate team. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Pilar Bousoño (Ronnette) is a junior at MIHS. She is a new face here (since she just moved from Mexico City), so if you think you've seen her before, you would be wrong. This is her first show ever, but surely not the last! When she's not busy with rehearsals she can be found stressing over her chemistry homework, listening to music, playing guitar, or calling her friends back in Mexico (shout out to Majo who asked me to include her in this!). Pilar would like to thank the cast for helping her feel included in this new strange world: it would not be the same without you guys! Enjoy the show and watch out for the plant!



Ava Carlson (Ensemble) is an 8th grader at IMS. She is so grateful to be a part of *Little Shop Of Horrors* to bring the story to life! You may have seen her in previous Islander Middle School shows *The Little Mermaid (Ursula)* and *Beauty and the Beast. (Madame De La Grande Bouche)* When not performing on stage, you can usually find her hanging out with her friends and playing tennis. This is her 3rd musical, and she hopes to continue her journey in theater throughout high school and college. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Carmen Castillo (Second Audio Assistant) is a sophomore at MIHS and hopes you enjoy their first show.



Esme Dixon (Interviewer/Ensemble) is a sophomore at MIHS. This is her second year as a part of the school's drama program, and her first year performing in the school's musical! If you happened to catch Drama 1's hilarious production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* last

year, she played a certain silly little sprite named Puck. While her dancing might not be great, she's still super excited for this fantastic show (wherein she *hopefully* does not trip). She hopes you enjoy the show, and, oh, one last thing...Don't feed the plants.



Ruball Dhillon (Stage Manager) is a senior at MIHS. This is her first-time stage managing after helping with tech for the past 3 years, and she is super excited about this new challenge. She is the Vice President of the Drama Club and has contributed to ten shows at

MIHS. You may have seen her as Beth March in *Little Women* or as the waiter/porter in *Servant of Two Masters*. Outside of drama, she enjoys spending time with friends and going on long drives. She hopes everyone enjoys the show!



Brier Dow (Ensemble) is an 8th grader at IMS. This is their first year in drama and their first year in school play. Brier is an artist, music lover, and they LOVE all things cartoons. They're trying to learn how to sew, but things haven't gone so well so far. They recently moved

to Mercer Island and are hoping to make good

connections with cast and crew in a *Little Shop of Horrors*. When Brier isn't watching tv or making art, they procrastinate and try to help their parents with chores, which they do, even though they don't like it. Brier is hoping to see some familiar faces in the crowd (Yes, I'm talking to you Avery), and they hope you enjoy the show!



Colin Dowdy (Leader of the Plant) hopes you don't get eaten!



Kaitlyn Eikel (Run Crew) Is a sophomore at MIHS; this is her second year crewing. They hope to have a fun show with everyone.



Ren Evans (Audrey) is a MIHS senior who is thrilled to take on the role of a certain lovable, if a bit ditzy, blonde in this year's production of *Little Shop of Horrors!* You might (not) have noticed her playing ensemble in *Grease* two years ago, but she is thrilled to bring this

new role to life on stage! When she's not distracted during rehearsals and struggling with blocking, she can be found painting, bothering her friends, or stressing over college apps (yikes..). A huge shoutout to her

fellow cast members and the incredible Ramsey- your support means the world and I won't forget you when I, hopefully, go off to college. Enjoy the show and don't feed the plant!!



Zoey Friedman (Ensemble) is very happy to be in *Little Shop of Horrors!* She is 14 years old and an 8th grader at IMS! You may have seen her in various YTN performances including *Wall in the Woods* and *Chaos Theory*. When she isn't doing theater, she enjoys playing volleyball, playing clarinet and hanging out with friends. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Kyle Gerstel (Seymour) is a senior performing in his 10th MIHS production. You may have seen him as King Arthur (*Spamalot*), Danny Zuko (*Grease*), or William Barfée (*Spelling Bee*). Kyle is the President of Drama Club and a member of the Improv Club Presidential Triumvirate with castmate Tiger Yang and audience member Alex Hardisty. Outside of school, Kyle is the Producing Artistic Director of Penguin Productions, a theatre organization dedicated to uniting youth leadership with adult mentorship. When he is not performing, directing, producing, or spending time with Drama friends, he enjoys sending Instagram reels to Jascha Silberstein without opening the ones Jascha sends, watching obscure movies with Connor Wood, and entering Ashwin Krishnaswamy's house without his knowledge. Kyle is incredibly grateful for how Ramsey, Melgar, and the entire MIHS Drama

program have shaped him as an artist and human. He is looking forward to one final hurrah!



Harrison Giese (Orin) is a Sophomore at MIHS and a newly hired dentist. This is his first show acting at MIHS, as he was on the run crew during *The Servant of Two Masters*. He is incredibly excited to be performing in a show and hopes that nothing too bad goes wrong with his performance. In his non-existent free time, he likes to play guitar and a wide variety of instruments, make movies, fly planes, and collect records. He wants to make sure that you see both casts of the show, as Tiger Yang is also doing a great job at being a Dentist. You should also go to the MIHS Percussion Ensemble concerts later this year (shameless plug). Hope you enjoy the show and have fun!



Anja Hutto (Mrs. Luce/Ensemble) is a sophomore at MIHS. This is her first musical at the high school, and she is so excited to be a part of *Little Shop of Horrors!* You may have seen her as Helena in Drama 1's production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* last year. She loves to skateboard, play guitar, sing, and order Chipotle multiple times a week. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Jose Igtiben (Mushnik) is a senior at MIHS. He moved here in the middle of his junior year so you might not recognize him, but this is his first performance at MIHS! In the past he

has performed in 2 plays and 2 other musicals: *Head Over Heels* as Dametas and *Mean Girls* as Aaron. He has been in drama since his freshman year, and he is excited to be able perform for a new school during his final year of high school. He would like to thank his previous and present theater community for making him want to pursue theater throughout his high school career. But far most he is thankful for his parents for always supporting him and always excited to see him on the stage. He hopes you enjoy the show! Don't forget to stop by Mushnik and Son!



Phoebe Kim (Technical Director/Assistant Stage Manager) is a junior at MIHS. *Little Shop of Horrors* is their eighth show at MIHS. Their past work includes *Grease!* props master and stage grip. *And A Child Shall Lead*, co-lighting design, house

crew, and projections operator. *Shakespeare in Love*, co-lighting design and light board operator. *Spamalot*, co-lighting design. *Little Women*, co-lighting design. *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, lighting design. *The Servant of Two Masters*, co-lighting design and light board operator. YATC's 16th season productions of *Trevor*, lighting designer and light board operator. And *Shadowbox*, lighting crew. They hope you enjoy the show!



Kate Kosmiskas (Light Board Operator) is a Sophomore at MIHS and is delighted to be running the light board for the first time this year. They have loved plays and all things theater all

their life, and hope they can put on a good show for you all to enjoy! :)



Kaori Lancaster (Chiffon) is a freshman at MIHS. You might know her from the IMS musicals as Belle in *Beauty and the Beast* and the director of the *Little Mermaid Jr.* She has a passion for art, music, and miscellaneous hobbies.

When she's not busy at school or with schoolwork or chores she spends her time drawing, binge watching tv with her family, hanging out with her sister and walking her dog. She's super excited to be a part of this show and hopes that you enjoy it enough to convince you to get your very own exotic plant that may or may not have a strange liking towards people.



Jack Martin (Audrey Two) is junior-senior at MIHS and is thrilled to be playing a long time dream role of his. While occasionally acting, he's been a theater technician since he was 11 and prefers to be backstage. Previously, he's been a soundboard, lightboard,

projection, microphone, fly rail, and spotlight operator, been on running crew, stage managed, been a props master, and a costumer. He's been a part of 24 shows in the past two years since he was a freshman, including almost every MIHS show except 1. You won't see him on stage though, he's in the wings being thrilled he doesn't have to deal with makeup or trying to dance. This is truly his perfect role: singing, not being seen, and wearing all black. He hopes you enjoy

this campy horror musical, which is what he's been doing since he was twelve, and please, feed the plants!



Hunter Maughan (Puppeteer) is a senior at MIHS, and is ready to be back on the stage for his first role in a school production. Maybe you recognize him as the lightboard op in *Spamalot* and *Little Women* last year, or even in MIHS

Improv for two years before that. And although it might be getting chilly outside, it's anything but cold inside of the claustrophobic foam puppets. But hopefully it's all worth it and he can put on a convincing Audrey Two performance along with Jack. He hopes you and whomever you're with enjoys the show and remember to not feed the plant.



Katie McGuire (Seymour) is so excited to be in *Little Shop of Horrors!* They are 18 (wow...) and a senior, and Seymour is a dream role they're so grateful to be able to do. You may have seen her as Patsy (*Spamalot*), Laurie (*Little Women*, another dream role),

Silvio (*Servant of Two Masters*), and more. Katie has loved theater ever since she played Virgin Mary in her local church's Christmas Eve play in second grade, and her passion has only grown. She'd like to thank her parents for being supportive of her, her siblings for always being there, and Melgar and Ramsey for trusting her with amazing roles and believing in her. When Katie isn't struggling to feed the angry plant, you can find her running the Drama Program's Social Media/Publicity, creating short films with friends

(follow her film account @mcguiremakesl on YouTube/Instagram), and arguing with her sister over whose turn it is to buy Panda Express. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Megan Mears (Skip Snip/Ensemble) is a sophomore at MIHS and this is the second musical that she's done here.

Megan loves theatre and hopes to continue doing it even after she's graduated. When not at rehearsal, you might find her laying on the floor while scrolling through Instagram, or maybe she's sitting in a tree. She is glad that you came to see the show and hopes that you enjoy it. However, if you didn't come to see the show and someone is showing you this program and smirking, she is disappointed. Why not?!?! (Gives you the stink eye) tisk tisk tisk...



Leisel Miller (Ensemble) is an 8th grader at IMS and has the maturity to prove it. This is their first time in a musical, and they are excited to sing and dance. They are an RPG video game enthusiast and just love a good story. They enjoy ALWAYS SERIOUS movies

such as *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Zoolander*, and *Idiocracy*. They hope ya' like the show, and that you don't feed the plant.



Phoenix Miller (Ensemble) is an 8th grader at IMS. This is their first time acting and they are excited to try it. They are a travel enthusiast who loves traveling out of the country and they are a flute/piccolo player in the 8th grade band. They love video games and

hanging out with their friends outside of school. When they aren't being told to clean up their room they enjoy writing, but not reading. They don't like reading. Phoenix is so excited to be a part of *Little Shop of Horrors* and has already made some great friends. They hope you enjoy the show and remember, don't feel the plants!



Cecilia Mitchell (Ensemble/Bernstein 11/23 2pm Show) is a freshman at MIHS. She has been taking classes at YTN for several years. She had her YTN performance debut in the spring of 2021 as Toto in *The Wizard of Oz*. She was seen gracing the stage as Hilda

in *The Sky Below*. You may have seen her in YTN's performance series, *Alice @ Wonderland* and *Cinderella Rockin' the 80's*. Maybe you saw her as Bard in YTN's Summer Stock production of *The Hobbit*. She was a fabulous Mrs. Bucket in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, danced across the stage as Rodolpho in *Matilda the Musical*, and she rocked the stage as Lily in *The Wall in the Woods*, a playwright production. She had an amazing time in the film conservatory. She is an avid reader who loves to draw and spend time with her dog and 2 cats. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Neiman Moses (Ensemble) is a senior at MIHS. He loves to experience the ways of voicing characters and has been doing it for 12 years through the art of gaming. When it comes to putting on a show, Neiman will provide even with his shy personality, he will entrance the

audience. Occasionally if Neiman isn't doing performances in drama, he will be doing piano lessons or practicing Japanese outside of school. While in school he is an absolute go-getter when doing work, being nice to others, and taking stuff seriously with performing well... not too serious but you know what I mean. He hasn't been to any performances but don't discredit him just because he doesn't cause a scene and trust me he will. Neiman is very thankful for being able to perform on stage with his colleagues, in the new wacky, thrilling, creepy and tremendous event of all. We hope you enjoy the show of a little plant but remember "DON'T FEED THE PLANT."



Omolara Olusanya (Audrey) is a junior at MIHS. This is her only second time performing in a musical, the last one being *Spamalot* where she played various roles. When she isn't performing, she can be caught red handed pulling up to Crumbl multiple times in one day. She

can also be seen performing on the Mercer Island Drill Team. She loves annoying her classmates and castmates with her excessive ice chewing (Seymour isn't the only anemic one). If she's being 1000% honest, she's writing her bio a day past the due date, and she has no idea what she does in her past time that doesn't

sound corny. She really wants to thank Joy Woods, who played Audrey in the off-Broadway revival of *Little Shop*, and Joy Pearl (Crystal) who is genuinely just an amazing singer for being her biggest inspirations since the very first rehearsal. She is super excited to be playing Audrey, and she hopes you enjoy the show!



Joy Pearl (Crystal) is a junior at MIHS, this is her second year doing the musical with the high school. She loves to sing, drive with her family, binge watch *Prison Break* with her mom, and play with her new baby sister Grace. She loves music and rarely performs tasks

without some sort of music playing, whether it is rap, jazz, folk, or rock. She hopes that you enjoy the show and its amazing music (with all its harmonies) and remember that the meek shall inherit.



Eva Peng (Mr. Chang/Spotlight Operator) is a Senior. This is her second year in a school play (*Spamalot*, *Little Shop*) but first year in a theatre class. Outside of drama, she loves fiction, writing, curling, but nevertheless is a procrastinator (sorry!). She recently

joined DI and a few other clubs. Even though she has begun quite some amounts of writing, a miserable amount is either not done or over edited (womp). Also, she hopes to improve her art and music skills, finally fulfilling some New Year's Resolutions from years prior (oops). She hopes that you enjoy the play, and her favorite song is "Skid Row."



Hadley Suvarna (Costumes/Dresser) is a 10th grader at MIHS. She hopes you enjoy the show :)



Ori Talby (Ensemble), 14 years old, is an 8th grader at IMS and is so excited to be a part of this MIHS production! You might have seen her before in many YTN musicals, to name a few: *Fiddler on the Roof* (as Bielke), *Matilda* (as Lavender), and lately, the fabulous smart Patrick Star in *Spongebob Jr.* (or a recent non YTN role was Jetzam in IMS's production of *The Little Mermaid*). Besides her love for the theatre, Ori enjoys ice skating, singing and hanging with her friends. She hopes you enjoy the show, and not to get consumed by any flora (or fauna).



Alon Ten-Ami (Mushnik) is a sophomore at MIHS. This is his 8th show ever, 2nd musical ever, and 2nd show at MIHS. You might have previously seen him in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* as Lysander (alongside Omolara Olusanya as Hermia) at MIHS, or as Jack in *Into the Woods* at YTN. When not performing onstage, Alon enjoys writing plays, listening to an absurd amount of show tunes, annoying Omolara Olusanya, and eating at Big Biggie Three (Wingstop, Menchies, and Crumbl all side to side) with friends. Alon would like to thank his parents for always

supporting him and his sister Noga for putting up with all of his annoying singing at home. He hopes you enjoy the show, boychik!



Hannah Umar (Stage Crew) is a senior at MIHS. She is taking theater tech, and this is her first time crewing for a play at the high school, but, she is super excited to help! Outside of theater, she loves to cook, read, watch plays and movies, and make fan theories about her favorite movies/ tv

series. She hopes you enjoy the show :)



Den Vaganov(Martin/Ensemble) is a senior at MIHS. His nickname is Den the man, because of his beard, and good physique. Last year he was a *Spamalot* cast member and other drama plays. He enjoys going to the gym, he got a six pack recently, and works on getting

even more jacked like Chris Hemsworth. And when he is not under pressure, he cracks jokes and chats with his friends. He almost never runs out of energy, and never goes outside without his stylish leather jacket unless absolutely necessary, or just not the season. He does crafting whenever he has free time. He hopes that you come to the show, and support everyone who puts in the effort to make this musical a reality.



Meredith Weaver (Bernstein/Ensemble) is a senior at MIHS. This is her first musical since she was 8 years old. Fun fact: when she was 8 years old and in

Annie Jr., she got a fever of 107°, so musical theater has not always held a super dear place in her heart. Meredith is Secretary of the Drama Club and has been part of the Drama Program since her freshman year. Maybe you've seen her in previous non-musicals. Perhaps as Josephine in *Little Women*, or Dr. Lombardi in *The Servant of Two Masters*. When not participating in Drama, Meredith can be found discretely sleeping in class or calling up her friends who love her very very much.



Huashan (Tiger) Yang (Orin) is a junior at MIHS and is more than ready to bring this sadistic dentist onto the stage. He has been in the MIHS drama program since his freshman year and some roles you might know him as include Prince Herbert (*Spamalot*), Mr.

Laurence (*Little Women*) or Pantalone (*Servant of Two Masters*). He is also part of the Improv Club Presidential Triumvirate with his pookie Kyle Gerstel and the great Alex Hardisty. He hopes whatever cast you are seeing, whether it be him or Harry Giese, the dentist will give you a lasting impression of fear, hatred, or maybe joy. He also hopes you have fun at your next dentist appointment, oh and of course with this spectacular show!

Special Thanks

A Grateful shout-out to the Drama Booster Board:
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ALL OF THE PARENTS who supported this show.



Our Amazing Season Continues!

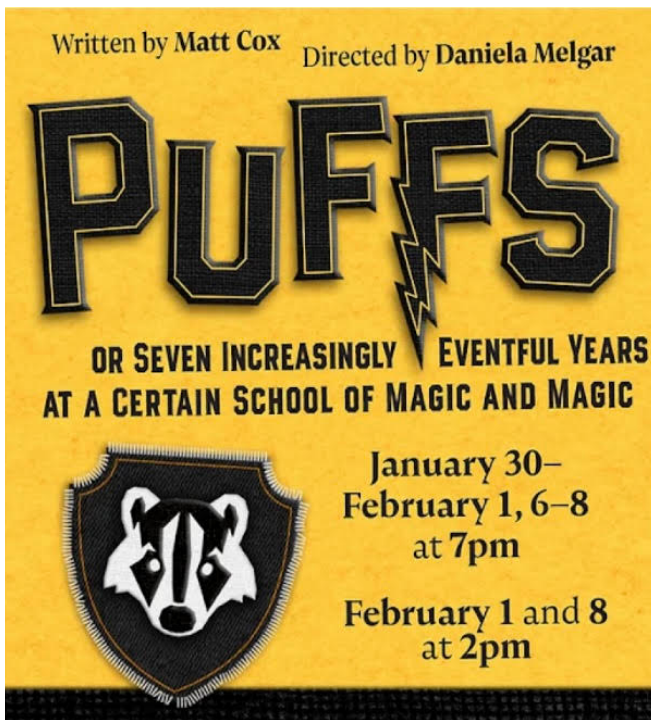
NEW!!

MIHS Drama is conducting a fun theatre camp this Winter Quarter open to all MISD 3rd-5th graders, taught by Katy Tyszkiewicz Ramsey. This camp is during 0 period (8:00am-8:50am), Tuesdays from December 3rd through March 11th.

Save the date:

- Improv Show by Drama Improv Club January 9th
- Drama 1 Show - January 15th 7:00 pm
- Puffs- January 30th- February 1st, February 6th - 8th 7:00 pm & February 1st and 8th at 2pm
- Fine Arts Showcase: Performing Arts Night April 2nd
- 12 Angry Jurors April 24-26 and May 1-3 at 7pm, and April 26 and May 3 at 2pm
- Drama Awards & Celebration May 7th 7:00 pm
- Improv Show- May 9th
- Drama 1 Spring Show- May 15th
- Drama 2 Cabaret- May 29th
- MISD Drama Spotlight- June 5th

Performances are held in the MIHS Performing Arts Center (PAC)



Attending student performances is one of the best ways to support performing arts and education at MIHS.

Thank you from your MISD Drama Boosters



Become a BROADWAY STAR with Mercer Island Schools Drama Boosters!

The Mercer Island Schools Drama Boosters (MISDB) invites you to support our award-winning drama program as a sponsor for the current and future seasons.

Help us bring youth theater to life!

Season Sponsor: \$1,500

Your company will be acknowledged before each performance of the season

- 10 tickets for each show
- Your logo displayed on posters across Mercer Island
- Logo placement in the program
- Recognition on our social media and website

Show Sponsor: \$500 (per production, your choice of three)

- Your company will be acknowledged before each performance of the show
- 4 tickets for the show
- Logo placement in the program

Other Ways to Support Us: Our program relies on grants, ticket sales, and generous donations from parents and the community. This year's suggested donation levels are:

- **Applause!** \$250
- **Bravo!** \$500 (suggested per student)
- **Encore!** \$750
- **Other** - Any amount is greatly appreciated

To Become a BROADWAY STAR:

Go to <https://www.misdb.org/donate> and click the DONATE button; alternatively, we are happy to pick up a check from you. Please make the check payable to Mercer Island Schools Drama Boosters and send your logo to bravoMISDB@gmail.com.

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We are seeking new Board Members!
Interested?

Email *Debi Gerstel* at
bravomisdb@gmail.com

Experience the show again—scan here to revisit the program anytime!



THANK YOU

Stay Tuned for More Magic!

The stage is set, and the stories continue. We can't wait to see you at our next production!

A promotional poster for the production of 'Little Shop of Horrors'. The poster features a stylized illustration of a shop with a sign that reads 'LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS'. The background is dark with green and yellow accents. Text on the poster includes: 'Mercer Island High School Drama Department', 'DIRECTED BY Katy Tyszkiewicz Ramsey', 'BOOK AND LYRICS BY Howard Ashman MUSIC BY Alan Menken', 'BASED ON THE FILM BY Roger Corman SCREENPLAY BY Charles Griffith', 'November 14-16 & 21-23 7PM', 'November 16 & 23 2PM', and 'More info at MISDB.org'. At the bottom, it lists 'Season Sponsor NW Lifestyle Homes, Epiphany Dermatology, Mercer Island Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, and Robyn + Rachel Group'.

A logo for 'MIDRAMA' where the letters 'M', 'I', and 'D' are stylized as vertical bars in green, blue, and orange respectively. To the right of the logo are three speech bubbles containing the values: 'CREATIVITY IS OUR PASSION' (orange), 'INCLUSION IS OUR PHILOSOPHY' (pink), and 'DIVERSITY IS OUR STRENGTH' (blue). Below these is the text 'IS OUR LANGUAGE' in bold black letters.