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For Immediate Release:

Garden City High School Presents Little Shop of Horrors

Garden City High School's production of "Little Shop of Horrors" featured a most unlikely star: a giant, carnivorous plant named Audrey II. For the 1,247 attendees at the performances on March 10th and 11th, the musical will be remembered for the witty, fast-paced performances of the high school's thespians, and the catchy, iconic tunes.

Traditionally held as a dress rehearsal, the response to the GCTA's free buffet dinner and the free show preview on Thursday afternoon, March 9th, has evolved into a full-fledged performance of its own, welcoming 160 seniors for the dinner (also served by members of the GCTA), and an additional 121 students and parents for the preview show. Many thanks to the GCTA for its continued support of the senior citizen buffet dinner featuring delicious fare from Garden City Pizza.

As an added surprise, shared producer Steve Mayo, a few students from the cast of 2007 showed up, and a group from the cast of 1994 made an appearance, too, to root on the cast of 2017.

Congratulations and well done to the cast, the building and stage crews, producer Steve Mayo, director Katie Sckalor, those helping with the props, costumes, make-up, lighting and sound, the members of the pit orchestra under the direction of Andrew Albani, and the supportive parents who made this production of "Little Shop of Horrors" a smashing success!



Caption for 3-9-17DSC_4422SeniorBuffetOverview.jpg:
One hundred-and-sixty senior citizens enjoyed a free buffet dinner courtesy of the GCTA followed by a performance of “Little Shop of Horrors” on March 9th.



Caption for Cast1994and2007.jpg:
As a surprise to Mr. Mayo, cast members from past shows, 1994 and 2007, attended this year’s production!



Caption for 3-9-17DSC_4442AllUrchinsSing.jpg:
The street “urchins” set the scene with a boisterous rendition of “Skid Row.”



Caption for 3-9-17DSC_4459SeymourGroup.jpg:
Seymour, a simple man, works in Mr. Mushkin’s flower shop and longs for the love of a local, skid-row girl named Audrey.



Caption for 3-9-17DSC_4473AudreyMrM.jpg:

Audrey, sporting a fresh black eye from her sadistic dentist boyfriend, Orin, gets an angry reaction from Mr. Mushnik.



Caption for 3-9-17DSC_4469SeymourCustomer.jpg:

Fortunes for Mr. Mushnik's failing flower shop immediately turn around when Seymour discovers a wilted exotic-looking plant and places it in the window. Customers start flooding in. Seymour names the plant "Audrey II" after his true love, but the plant has a nasty secret – it needs fresh human blood to grow and thrive.



Caption for 3-9-17DSC_4503AudreyStoop.jpg:
Audrey, now sporting an arm in a sling, longs for a better life.



Caption for 3-9-17DSC_4524Dent.jpg:

Dentist Orin brags about the pain he inflicts on his patients (and his girl Audrey) in “Be a Dentist.”



Caption for 3-9-17DSC_4564SeyAIIIBlood.jpg:

Audrey II has grown frighteningly large being fed by Seymour's blood from dozens of cuts. Yet, the plant demands more: "feed me!" and I'll make you rich and famous!



Caption for 3-9-17DSC_4590Gas.jpg:

Intending to shoot him for his cruelty to Audrey, Seymour visits Orin and backs down, only to witness the mad dentist's asphyxiation with laughing gas.



Caption for 3-9-17DSC_4630Duet.jpg:

When Orin disappears (dinner for Audrey II), Audrey turns to Seymour for comfort, singing the iconic “Suddenly Seymour.”



Caption for 3-9-17DSC_4550MitchSey.jpg:

Mr. Mushkin tells Seymour he will treat him like his son and leave the flower shop to him, not knowing that he will soon be Audrey II's next meal.



Caption for 3-9-17DSC_4670AudreyWaters.jpg:

Not knowing the danger, Audrey waters the people-eating plant and is gobbled up.



Caption for 3-9-17DSC_4675DeadAudrey.jpg:

Although Seymour grabs Audrey from the plant, she is too weak and dies in his arms. Again, Audrey II gets his supper, and grows even larger and stronger.



Caption for 3-9-17DSC_4701BehingScenesAudreyIIs.jpg:

In the end, all succumb to Audrey II. In a final twist of fate, clippings are taken of the remarkable plant by a group of unknowing scientists and sent all over the country. Those new clippings beg for blood from their new owners in exchange for fame and fortune, and the story continues, . . .



Caption for 3-9-17DSC_4414LilShopCastCrew.jpg:

Congratulations to the cast and crew of "Little Shop of Horrors!"