



News Release

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A lonely man, a man-eating plant and an evil dentist, all set to music, what could go wrong? This describes the opening production of the Sheboygan Theatre Company's Seventy- Eighth Season, "Little Shop of Horrors."

Based off of the 1960, low-budget, Roger Corman 'B'-movie, "Little Shop of Horrors," was adapted into a musical by Howard Ashman and Alan Menken, who is known for the music from "Beauty and the Beast" and "Aladdin." The show has become one of the longest running, off-Broadway shows of all time.

The show itself really does make fun of the horror genre, almost as a spoof, but the emotions and characters, while larger than life, make you feel for the characters.

One of the interesting challenges of the show are the puppets. The man-eating plant eventually goes from a simple hand puppet to a larger than life puppet that is operated by someone operating it from the inside. It adds to the fun of the show.

The Sheboygan Theatre Company has welcomed back Director and Choreographer, Jason Summers from New York. Summers directed last season's opener, "Nonsense." He has been in rehearsals, with a cast of thirteen, since August.

"Little Shop of Horrors" performances, sponsored by Wilson Mutual Insurance Company, will start Friday, September 30, 2011, with subsequent performances on October 1 and 5 through 8 at 7:30 p.m., and a matinee on Sunday, October 2 at 2:00 p.m. The production will be presented at the Leslie W. Johnson Theatre, 2820 Union Avenue, Sheboygan.

Admission, before taxes, is \$20 for adults, \$16 for seniors sixty and over and \$10 for students through to college. Tickets are available online, at the Theatre Company office in the Community Recreation Department, 607 S. Water Street, and also at the theatre box office 45 minutes before curtain of each performance. To learn more visit www.sheboygantheatercompany.org and then call 920/459-3779 to reserve tickets or for further information.