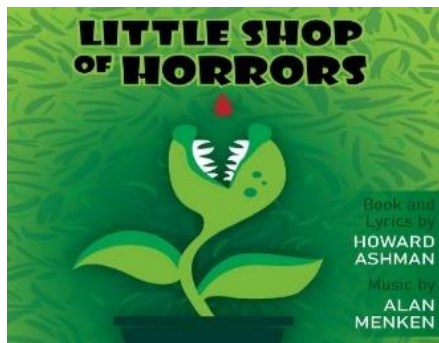


THE BACKSTAGE PASS

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS WAS A BEAUTIFUL START TO THE SEASON!!!



KUDOS! CONGRATS! BRAVO! Everyone can say they had a great start to the Halloween season, as the reviews are in, and PW’s season-opening *Little Shop of Horrors* hit all the marks for success.

Audiences were large, and their responses were SO positive—superlatives were abounding—just check the comments on the Workshop’s Facebook page. It seems a good time was had by all!

To the cast, the directors, the musicians, the entire crew—Players Workshop says “thank you” for a job that went way beyond well done. Thank you for sharing your time and talents to make lasting Workshop memories.

NEXT UP ON THE PW STAGE:



GET IN THE HOLIDAY MOOD

Players Workshop ushers in the holiday season with Ken Levine’s holiday comedy *On the Farce Day of Christmas*, which will run at the Workshop Dec. 6-8 and 12-15, 2024.

Under the direction of Catherine Hansen, *On the Farce Day of Christmas* tells of the havoc that ensues when, to keep her religious mother from knowing she’s divorced, Wendy pays her ex to pose as her husband and go home for the holidays.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m., except for 2:00 p.m. matinees on Dec. 8 and 15.

On the Farce Day of Christmas is presented through arrangements with and all authorized performance materials are supplied by TRW Plays, New York, NY.

MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBERS



Meet **Amy Ford**, one of the newly elected members of the Workshop’s Board of Directors, who brings an unbridled enthusiasm and zest to the organization!

The busy mom of two teenagers—her son Jonathan has been in two of PW’s youth productions—she is an accounting professor by trade. She made her first acting appearance since high school last season in the Workshop’s hilarious *The Wild Women of Winedale*, playing everyone’s “favorite sister-in-law” Jef, and had the audience in stitches.

She says she wanted to become a part of the Board because “I have always loved all parts of the theatre and wanted to get involved.”

That involvement currently includes “learning the box office ropes from Mary [Fox] in the new Ludus ticketing system.” She has also helped with the season ticket sales in the lobby during the fall show; her accounting background helps in this part of the theater.

She is on the Youth Theater committee, which is one of her very strong interests; she helped with the

IVERS day last summer and is currently reading plays, to help the committee select the next youth production.

Amy enjoys “learning about the history of our little theatre and discovering all the hidden gems,” and is excited to “learn more about the various committees and behind-the-scenes work that make each production successful.” She remarked that “each and every person” she has met at PW has made her feel welcome, and she enjoys hearing all the stories from the long-timers.

In her “spare” time she relaxes by crocheting—she currently has 3 different blankets underway.

With her enthusiasm and energy, Amy Ford is another promising asset in the future of Players Workshop.

SUPPORTING CAST 2024-2025 DONORS WELCOME



Players Workshop invites you to join the Supporting Cast for 2024-2025 season .

This is a one-time financial donation to Players Workshop, which will run for the theatrical season, and contributes significantly to the financial stability of PW.

Donations may be made in one of the following categories:

Usher \$25-\$99 Stage Crew \$100-\$249
Supporting Actor \$250-\$499 Star \$500-\$999
Director \$1000-\$2499 Producer \$2500+

Names of all those who have joined since the last newsletter are listed in bold face type. Won't you join them?

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Tim & Tonja Binder
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Kevin Liles
Carole Theesfeld

Supporting Actor

David Beckman
Carolyn Dorting
Bonnie Downes
Eva Ann Elmer
Jon Hart
Wayne & Colleen Heibner
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All those who join will have their names listed in each play program and newsletter, as well as on the PW website, for 2024-25. Thank you in advance for your support.

You may join the Honorary Supporting Cast by filling out the form at the end of this newsletter or the form in your play program.

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LEARNERS WANTED



PW WANTS TO TEACH YOU

Players Workshop is always looking for volunteers to help in all phases of our productions.

There are so many opportunities, there isn't room to list them all here, but a few that we are in the most need of is set builders, set designers, hair dressers, makeup artists, stage managers, producers, light and sound designers, light and sound booth techs, props manager, costumer, assistant directors . . . and the list goes on.

Some of these roles need special skills, but most do not. **We can teach you! Plus, it's fun!**

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AACT FEST IS COMING TO IOWA!!!!



Players Workshop and lovers of theater have a great opportunity coming their way!

The American Association of Community Theaters is holding their biannual festival in Des Moines, Iowa, next summer! It was held in Tennessee 2 years ago, and, prior to the pandemic, it was held in Pennsylvania. This is a great opportunity to attend this event so close to home. The event runs from June 25-28, 2025. Early registration has begun.

The festival is a culmination of 2 years of competitions at state and regional levels, with the winners competing nationally. The week includes 12 show cuttings performed by the winners as well as many very informative workshops.

More information can be found at www.AACT.org. If interested in attending, email Mary Fox at pw6623@gmail.com. If you are a theater lover, consider taking the opportunity to attend this event.

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