

# ACT NEWSLETTER

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**Monday - Friday**

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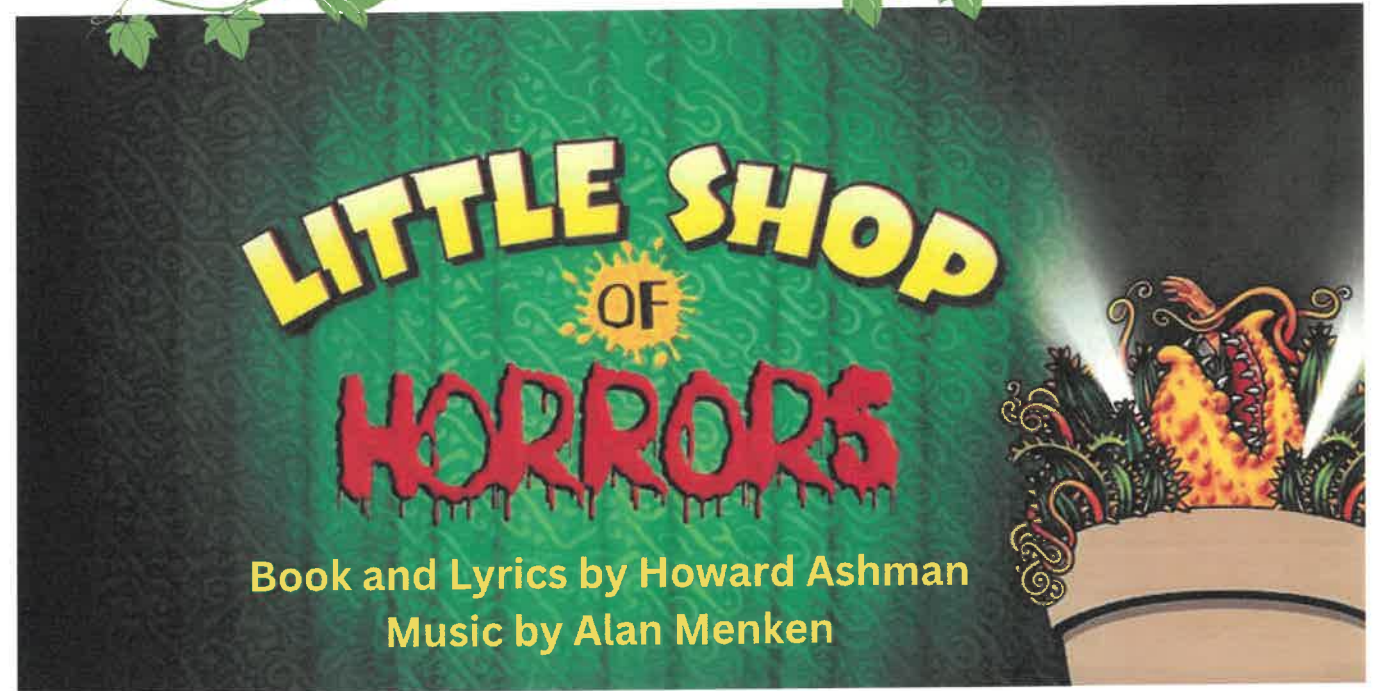


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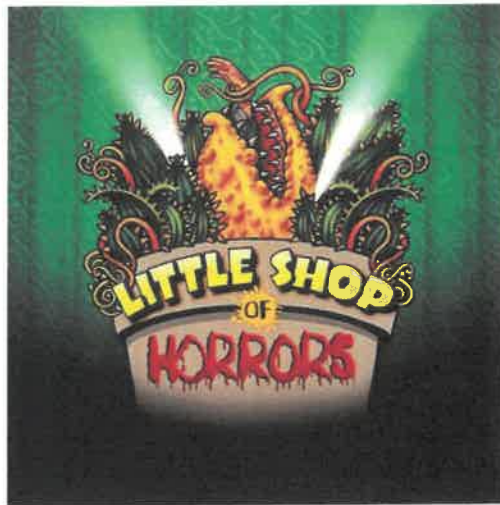
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**SHOW DATES: JULY 31, AUGUST 1, 2, 7, 8, 9 AT 7PM**  
**AUGUST 3 & 10 AT 1PM**

**DIRECTED BY: LISA MCCORMICK**  
**MUSIC DIRECTOR: AMY KLEESPIES**

**Tickets at [www.tomahact.com](http://www.tomahact.com) or call 608-374-7469**





**Director: Lisa McCormick**  
**Music Director: Amy Kleespies**

### THE CAST:

Seymour Krelborn.....Shannon Wilcox  
Audrey.....Amy Kleespies  
Mr. Mushnik.....Jerry Fushianes  
Voice of Audrey II.....Adam Johnson  
Audrey II Puppeteer.....Ian Thompson  
Dr. Orin Scrivello.....JD Sydow  
Patrick Martin.....Chris Suzda  
Urchins:  
Crystal.....Jayla Billups  
Chiffon.....Yarielis Guzman  
Diamond.....Kailey Haschke  
Liberty.....Addyson Holmquist  
Ronnelle.....Molly Walker

### Show Dates:

**Opening Night:**  
**Thursday, July 31**  
**at 7pm**

**August 1, 2, 7, 8, 9**  
**at 7pm**

**August 3 & 19**  
**at 1pm**

## From the Director-Lisa McCormick

I am really excited to be directing my first show with ACT. I have directed the last 12 shows at the Tomah Middle School and was very involved throughout high school as well. I absolutely love seeing a show come from a script to the stage! "Little Shop of Horrors" was created to be a parody on the 1960's style shows. With the small cast we are looking forward to transforming the ACT stage into a place where a deadly plant comes into existence in the most innocent and unlikely places, Mushnik's Flower Shop on Skid Row. The music will bring you back in time to the 1960's where life was simple but living on Skid Row is tough and business is slow until one day Seymour discovers a new plant and brings it to the florist shop and the rest...well, you will have to come see the show to see what happens next!

## We would like to thank the following for donations from November 1, 2024 - October 31, 2025

These donations will be put towards ACT's building fund and to help cover costs of putting on shows.

### Saints (\$5,000 and Up)

Burnstad Family Foundation  
Terry & Sharon Larkin  
David Rezin  
Harry Wellenkotter

### Archangels (\$3,000 - \$4,999)

Richard, Jason & Lindsey Gerke  
Bernadette M. Otto Charitable Trust  
Pete & Elaine Reichardt

### Angels (\$1,000 - \$2,999)

The Berry Family  
Diana Gerke  
The Kindness Community, Inc.  
Susan Murphy  
Christine Schreier  
Top Dog Marketing

### Standing Ovation (\$500 - \$999)

Dr. Richard Ahn in Memory of Helen Ahn  
Wesley & Martha Klatt  
Dr. Michael & Tess Saunders  
Ann Thompson

### Super Stars (\$200 - \$499)

Chris & Myra Anderson  
Dean Blegen in Memory of David Schreier  
Pam Buchda  
Cardinal IG  
Natalie Divyak  
Fred & Kathy LeSavage  
Kay Mark  
Scott & Dorothy Nicol  
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### Show Stoppers (\$100 - \$199)

Active Health Chiropractic Center  
Bonnie Dana  
Amy Hedrick  
Sherry Heilman  
Kelly Larkin  
David & Bryanna Miller  
Karen Rapp  
Anna Mae Rudolph  
John Rusch  
Barb Sullivan  
Summit Spirits  
Latisha Walker

### Spot Lighters (\$50 - \$99)

Donna Goede  
Edward Grygleski  
John Haeberlin  
Amy Hedrick  
Lyda Lanier  
Eric Pedersen  
Sue Pergande  
Nancy VanderMeer & David Hall

### Curtain Pullers (\$25 - \$49)

Libby Berry  
Renee Fletcher in memory of Don Fletcher  
Randy Pribbemow  
Lorna Rosenow  
Monica Stenerson



Donations at any level are greatly appreciated and help to defray the operational costs of our theatre. If you would like the opportunity to have your name on our beautiful sculpture, a cumulative donation of \$3,000 through the past years is required.

*Thank you*

Thank you for donating to the  
Theatre Flooring Project:

Frank Andres Grant  
Thomas B. Earle Grant  
Aleda Moseley  
Sue Murphy  
Ocean Spray  
Kurt & Louise Olson  
Marie Wiedl

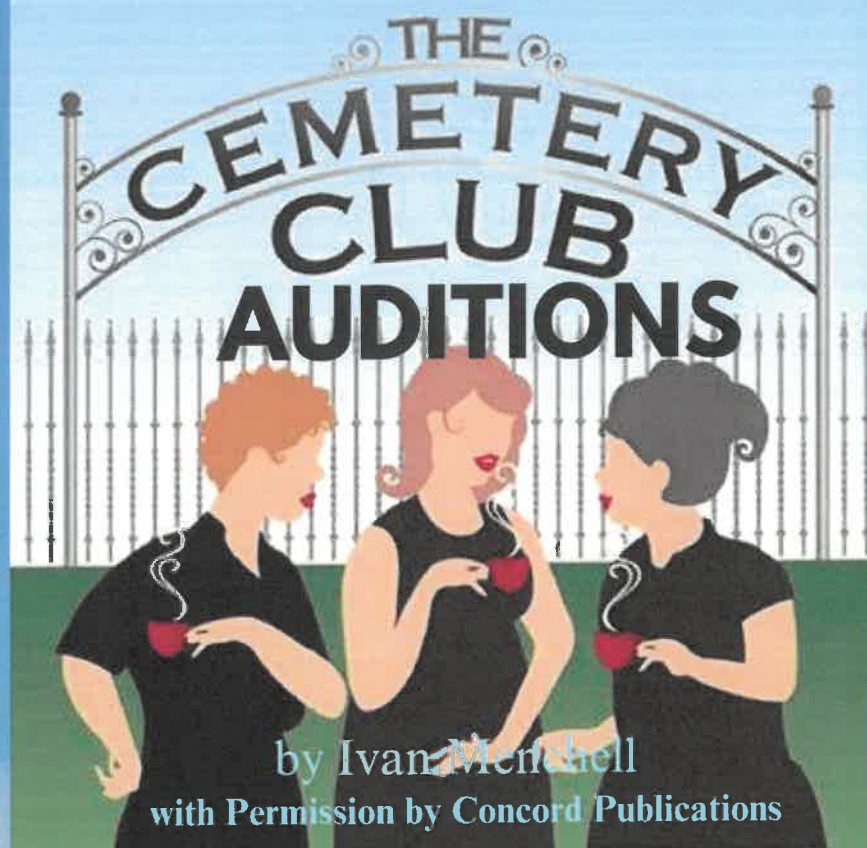


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Donate Today!





**Show  
Dates:**  
September  
11, 12, 13,  
18, 19, 20  
at 7pm  
September  
14 & 21 at  
1pm



Directed  
by Brian  
“Rocky”  
Shutter  
& Molly  
Shields

## Audition Dates:

Monday, July 7 & Tuesday, July 8 at 6-8pm  
Callbacks Thursday, July 10 at 5-7pm (if needed)

### Synopsis:

Three Jewish widows meet once a month for tea before going to visit their husbands' graves. Ida is sweet tempered and ready to begin a new life; Lucille is a feisty embodiment of the girl who just wants to have fun; and Doris is priggish and judgmental, particularly when Sam the butcher enters the scene. He meets the widows while visiting his wife's grave. Doris and Lucille squash the budding romance between Sam and Ida. They are guilt-stricken when this nearly breaks Ida's heart.

### Cast:

**4 Females/1 Male**

Sign up to audition at:  
[www.tomahact.com](http://www.tomahact.com) or  
click on QR Code



Scott Wilcox

Mitch Koel



Craig Hoffman



Chris Popp



**2025 Mr. Moves John Dasilva:**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Community Credit Union &  
Capauls Flooring**



## ACT's 4th Annual Mr. Legs Contest A Night to Remember!



Eric Frank  
John Dasilva



Paul Steele



**2025 Mr. Legs  
Brian  
Thompson:**  
**Limited  
Edition Band  
Director &  
Meca  
Sportswear**



Brian Thompson



**ACT's Amazing Mr. Legs MC:**  
**Bridget Owens**



**"Hilariously funny show"**

# THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG

"I couldn't tell what was supposed to happen and what wasn't.  
The set kept falling apart!"



"I'm so glad I saw this show,  
I laughed so hard at their antics on stage."

**Taste of Tomah Winner:  
Jac's Steakhouse**



**CONGRATS!**



Taste of Tomah



**A successful  
Garage Sale  
Weekend!**

# GARAGE sale



**Thank you to  
everyone who  
helped make this  
sale possible!**

ACT Board members cleaned  
up the basement of duplicate  
furniture and extra pieces we  
didn't need and sold it at  
Tomah's city wide rummage  
sale weekend.







### Gatsby Room

We recently hosted a funeral luncheon in the Gatsby Room. The room was setup in rectangular tables for over 180 guests. The tables were decorated very patriotically for this Army Ranger headed home. Have your next event at ACT - just call the Business Office at 608-374-7469 for availability.



### WANT TO JOIN THE ACT HOUSE CREW?

We are always looking for new volunteers here at ACT. One area where we can always use additional support is with our house crew. This would involve handing out programs, greeting patrons at the front door, running our 50/50 raffle, and assisting with concessions. We would also appreciate your assistance with basic theatre clean up after the show.

If you are interested in being part of our house crew, please contact the theatre at 608-374-7469 or send an email to [brianshutter@gmail.com](mailto:brianshutter@gmail.com). We look forward to hearing from you soon and can't wait to have you join our team at ACT.

-Brian "Rocky" Shutter



### FROM YOUR DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT, SHARON LARKIN

My husband and I have chosen to sponsor all of the plays at ACT for years. We are not in business anymore, so there is no need to bring attention to our product. But it isn't about our need. It's about the needs of ACT. Each play presented on the ACT stage has expenses. Royalties (the right to put the play on) can be extremely high and each day the play is on stage, royalties must be paid. Other expenses are utilities during rehearsals (several nights a week for two months or more) utilities during shows, costumes, props, publicity, printing, show and restroom supplies. We have a fervent desire to bring talent to the ACT stage. Cultural development is important to our youth and the Arts are a vital part of every community. We support ACT so everyone in our area can enjoy the Arts. Here is a shoutout to those who sponsor the presentations that ACT provides for area entertainment. Whether you have a business or not, you can join us and become an important part of ACT by sponsoring one or more shows.



**Sponsors: \$250 show (8 presentations)**  
**Underwriters: \$1000 season = 5 shows (40 presentations)**

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

**Do you like to take a walk around Tomah or  
get in your car and go for a drive?**

ACT needs your help distributing posters for the shows and events held at ACT throughout the year. Let us know if you could pick up a few posters and hang them up around town! We sure would appreciate your help!







## Basement



## Tech Booth & Closet



## Back Stage Areas



ACT board members went down into the basement to clean and organize the furniture, props, and costume areas last month. They cleaned, sorted and got rid of a lot for the garage sale and dumpster.

Following "Driving Miss Daisy" the directors spent some time really cleaning and organizing the backstage areas of the theatre, putting away old set pieces and props from previous shows!

Chris Baker, one of ACT's newest volunteers, has been working very hard on cleaning up the wires and cables to the lights and sound in the ceiling within the theatre and cleaning up the tech booth and closet.

It looks so much better around here - thank you everyone for your help! We are very proud of our building and are thankful we have your help to keep it that way!

# ACT Members January 1 - December 31, 2025

Chelsea Brohaugh  
Liz Brown  
Pam Buchda  
Kristi Cossette  
Mike Cossette  
Bonnie Dana  
Justin Derhammer  
Natalie Divyak  
Bruce Fischer  
Kathy Fischer  
Renee Fletcher  
Rob Forbush  
Melanie Frei  
Tom Frei  
America Fushianes  
Jerry Fushianes  
Brent Garringer  
Shelly Gasper  
Diana Gerke  
Deb Gilles  
Amy Hedrick

Shannon Hogie  
Sandy Humphreys  
Nancy Jacob  
Steve Jones  
Julie Kemnitz  
Dilynn Kiefer  
Lamont Kiefer  
Lisa Kirschbaum  
Amy Kleespies  
Jeff Klonecki  
Sandra Klonecki  
Lyda Lanier  
Sharon Larkin  
Terry Larkin  
Alice Leis-Murray  
Fred LeSavage  
Kathy LeSavage  
Alta Leuthold  
Mary Maas  
Carrie Martinez  
Joe Martinez  
Lisa McCormick

Joe Minney  
Mara Mednis  
Kim Miller  
Amanda Mills  
Susan Murphy  
Mary Neve  
Sam Neve  
Dawn Pierce  
Elaine Reichardt  
Pete Reichardt  
Lori Ripley  
Pamela Rixie  
Kerry Rose  
Mark Rose  
Michael Saunders  
Tess Saunders  
Ann Scheckel  
Larry Scheckel  
Amanda Schmock  
Christine Schreier

Ginny Schroeder  
Molly Shields  
Donna Shuck  
John Shuck  
Brian Shutter  
Dan Smithburg  
Kelly Smithburg  
Pam Steinmetz  
Monica Stenerson  
Rose Storkel  
Susan Stump  
Barb Sullivan  
Lynne Trainor  
Shelly Trowbridge  
Brayden Tupper  
Louise Urmanski  
Latisha Walker  
Anne Wallus  
Shannon Wilcox  
Leland Wildes

Use our new QR Code to  
become a Member of ACT!



Your membership  
helps us to  
receive grants.

**2025 Season Members  
Must Bring Their  
Pink 2025 Membership  
Card to Concessions in  
Order to Receive Your  
One Free Small Popcorn  
per Show!**

## Thank you to our 2025 Underwriters!



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Terry & Sharon Larkin