



This month, **The Studio Theatre™ Tierra del Sol** (806 San Marino Drive, The Villages, FL) opens the first Summer Show of the 2024/2025 Season, with *Little Shop of Horrors*. Book and Lyrics by Howard Ashman and Music by Alan Menken.

In this gleefully gruesome sci-fi musical a florist's assistant, Seymour, lives on skid row, home to broken dreams and dead ends. Seymour's green thumb blessing becomes a curse when he inadvertently brings home a flesh eating plant that he names Audrey Two. Named after Seymour's secret crush, the carnivorous plant uses their rhythm and blues style to tempt Seymour with promises of love, fortune, and greener horizons. This deviously delicious Broadway smash hit follows Seymour as he plays nursemaid to the predatory plant's growing demand for more, more, MORE. Scored with witty sixties inspired music composed by Howard Ashman and Alan Menken (Disney's *Little Mermaid*, *Beauty and the Beast*, and *Aladdin*), this horticultural horror will have you screaming with laughter. Just remember, whatever they offer you, **DON'T FEED THE PLANTS!**



JOSE CARLOS RIVERA (Seymour) Jose is an Orlando-based actor, born and raised in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Most recently seen at The Studio Theatre as Jean-Michel in *La Cage Aux Folles* and as Hot Blades Harry in *Urinetown*. Other favorite Central Florida credits include Clyde Barrow in *Bonnie & Clyde* (Theater West End), Eddie Birdlace in *Dogfight* (Theater West End), Jean-Micheal in Rogers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella* (Orlando Repertory Theatre). Other regional credits include Sonny in *In the Heights* with McCoy-Rigby Entertainment, and Ensemble in *In the Heights* at Rubicon Theatre Company. @chejosrivera



ELYA FAYE BOTTIGER (Audrey) Making her debut at The Studio Theatre, Elya Faye Bottiger is a Chicago-based actress. She is also a trained singer and dancer. Past shows include IN CHICAGO: *Gypsy*, *Little Me*, *Applause*, *Babes in Arms* (Porchlight), *The Little Mermaid* (Chicago Shakespeare), *At Mister Kelly's* (Three Cat Productions), *Marvelous Wonderettes* (Open Door Rep. Co.). REGIONAL: *Joseph and the Amazing...*, *Wizard of Oz*, *Lend Me a Tenor*, *Moon Over Buffalo*, *The Game's Afoot*, *Run For Your Wife* (Palace Theater), *Little Shop of Horrors*, *A Funny Thing Happened*, *Titanic*, *Scapino!* (Timber Lake Playhouse). A graduate of Columbia College Chicago with a BFA in musical theater, she has a minor in Gender Studies. Bottiger is represented by Shirley Hamilton.



PAUL VOGT* (Mr. Mushnik) Originally from Buffalo, New York, Vogt landed Hollywood recognition as the breakout star of NBC's *The Rerun Show* when he portrayed Mrs. Garrett from *The Facts of Life*. Soon after, he became a permanent cast member on *MADtv* (FOX's successful late-night sketch comedy show) and appeared in several movies directed by renown film-maker Garry Marshall, including *The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement*, *Valentine's Day*, *Raising Helen*, and the film *Mother's Day*. Other Television credits include: Perfect Harmony, *The Orville*, *Side Hustle*, *ReRUN Show*, *Raising Hope*, *Glee*, *Grey's Anatomy*, *Hannah Montana*, *Arrested Development*, *Reno 911*, and *Maximum Bob*. You might have seen him live on stage in *HAIRSPRAY!* on Broadway or when he toured *live* across the country, reprising the role of Amos in "the longest-running American musical" *CHICAGO*, a role he performed twice on Broadway. Paul was the only male authorized to play Ursula in Disney's *The Little Mermaid* (Muny). *Vogt is a proud member of the Actors' Equity Association. For more go to www.paulvogt.com*

The complete cast includes: **Will Sippel** (Orin), **Meka King*** (The Plant Audrey 2 – Voice & Swing for Urchins 1, 2, and 3), **Jordan Brownlee** (The Plant Audrey 2 – Puppet), **Bethany Hemmans** (Urchin #1 Crystal), **Lauren Muller** (Urchin #2 Ronnette), **Nyeshia Naonii** (Urchin #3 Chiffon), **Jacob Eaddy** (Swing for Audrey 2 Voice & Puppet), **Dio Raquel Jr.** (U/S for Seymour), **Samm Carroll** (U/S for Audrey), **Mark Miller** (U/S for Mr. Mushnik) and **Janik Buranosky** (U/S for Orin & Others).

The Theatre Management and Creative Teams are composed of Producer **Jason Goedken** and Artistic Director **Whitney Morse**; Associate Artistic Director/ Choreographer, **Angel Creeks**; Director, **Roberta Emerson**; Music Director, **Bert Rodriguez**; Technical Director, **Clayton Becker**; Scenic Designer/ Props & Projections Designer/ Set Dressing, **Joshua E. Gallagher**; Costume Designer, **Jordan Jeffers**; Sound Designer/Projections Programmer, **Kimber King**; Lighting Designer, **David Krupla**; Lighting Supervisor, **Collin Hall**; Assistant Lighting Designer, **Sarah Goldstein**; Costume Shop Supervisor, **Cory Garrett**; Sound Engineer, **Roel Cavasos**; Assistant Technical Director, **Alison Madison**; Production Managers, **Leslie Becker** and **Mark Kirschenbaum**; Company Manager/ Videographer/ Music Supervisor, **Ryan Loekel**; Resident Production Stage Manager, **Madison Youngblood**; Deck Stage Manager, **Zach Mlekush**; Swing Stage Manager, **Jess Mahoney**; Lighting Technician, **Dio Raquel Jr**; Carpenters **Verna McIntyre** and **Antonio Campagna**; Literary and Casting Associate, **Jordan Gregson**; Marketing Director, **Taylor Adkins**; Marketing Assistant, **Jessica Nix**, House Manager, **Alec Speers**; Assistant House Manager, **Nichole Pollack**. The Musician Team includes Keys 2, **Sean Pollack**; Guitar, **Miles Randolph**; Drums, **Adam Langs**; Electric Bass, **Chris Mewhinney**.

- **What:** *Little Shop of Horrors*
- **Where:** The Studio Theatre Tierra del Sol, 806 San Marino Drive, The Villages, FL
- **When:** May 29 – June 29, 2024
- **For tickets:** www.TheSharonStudio.com | (352) 751-7799
- **Price:** \$30 previews | \$45 performances | **Student Discount \$10 Off**
- **Sign Language Interpretation Show:** June 18, 2024

The Studio Theatre's Mission is to inspire the residents of Central Florida to examine relevant issues by elevating them through innovative and intimate storytelling. ***Think outside the box, inside the box.***

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