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SOUTH FALLSBURG, NY – A singing plant, a daring hero, a sweet girl, a demented dentist – an outrageous musical comedy... The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop 2010 Season continues with *Little Shop of Horrors*. What started out as a black and white, non-musical “B” movie made in two days by Roger Corman (screenplay by Charles Griffith) and released in 1960 was revamped in the early 1980s by the team of lyricist, Howard Ashman and composer, Alan Menken (who later penned Disney’s *The Little Mermaid* and *Beauty*

and the Beast). They retooled the story, wrote a score of catchy tunes in the style of early 60s rock, doo-wop and Motown and much like *Oliver Twist* and *Oliver!* or *Pygmalion* and *My Fair Lady*, the musical version took off to attain a life of its own. And this version far surpassed the original in popularity. The musical was made into a film version in 1986 and later went on to a successful Broadway run. Off-Broadway, on Broadway and on the big screen, this affectionate spoof of 1950s sci-fi movies has become a real audience favorite! The show will be staged in the newly restored, air-conditioned Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg for six performances, August 6 – 15.

Set in 1960 in urban Skid Row, the story follows a sincere nebbish of a botanist, Seymour Krelbourn (Scott Eckers of Swan Lake) who, after a total eclipse of the sun, finds a “strange and interesting plant” and nurtures it to thriving health at the florist shop where he works. He is secretly in love with his co-worker – the sweet, Fay



Wray-like, Audrey (Abby Smassanow of Woodbourne) – after whom he names the plant, Audrey II. But Audrey is dating the sadistic “no good-nik” – Orin Scrivello, DDS (Tim Buckley of Monticello). Mr. Mushnik (Rich Topper of Mountaintale) is the owner of the shop where they both work, though it doesn’t see many customers until Audrey II begins to attract attention when placed prominently in the shop window. The goings-on of the story are narrated and commented upon in Greek-Chorus style by the soulful “urchins”- Ronnette (Crystal Tweed of Monticello), Chiffon (Ebony Isaac of Monticello) and Crystal (Jennifer Lemitelamy of Loch Sheldrake) – who make up a ‘girl group’ a la the Supremes – or the Ronnettes, Chiffons or Crystals! As Audrey II (voiced by Tom DeFavero of Livingston Manor and manipulated by Edwin Ramirez of Mountaintale) gets larger and even more strange and interesting, Seymour gains fame, fortune and

even the love of Audrey – but at a price. Success has come with messy, nasty strings. It seems that Audrey II eats blood. When Seymour can no longer sustain her from his own bandaged fingertips, he gets sweet-talked by the slick plant into finding other sources. Fueled by powerful performances, the talented company is rounded out by Allen Eckers of Swan Lake, Ellen Pavloff of Kerhonksen, Harold and Lillian Tighe of Kauneonga Lake, Melissa McTague of Loch Sheldrake and Ed Berens of Smallwood. Under the gifted direction of Lori Schneider-Wendt of Hurleyville with marvelous musical direction by Annie Hat of Hortonville, *Little Shop* features choreography by Jane Lawski of Jeffersonville and costume design by Ed Berens. The creative crew consists of Technical Director, Jim Schmidt of Hurleyville, Stage Manager, Bunny Woloszczak of Hurleyville, Paul Puerschner of Callicoon, Matthew Strauss of Rock Hill and Heidi Woloszczak of Hurleyville. In the pit are talented musicians, Leon Hilfstein of Hurleyville (piano), Jeffrey Yeung of Jeffersonville (guitar), Alexandra Ellmauer of Jeffersonville (bass), Larry Steiger (percussion) Ellen Kitzmiller(flute/clarinet) and Rosalie Siciliano of Grahamsville (alto saxophone).

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop has been providing quality, award-winning live theatre in the Catskills since 1950 – celebrating its 60th Anniversary this year. Come join in on the celebration with this Summer’s musical - *Little Shop of Horrors* with performances Friday and Saturday, August 6, 7, 13, 14 at 8:00 pm, Sunday, August 8 at 7:00 pm (please note – there is *no matinee* on August 8th) and Sunday, August 15 at 2:00 pm in the newly restored, air-conditioned and handicapped accessible Nartoff-Wells Auditorium of the Rivoli Theatre, 5243 Main Street (Route 42), South Fallsburg, NY. Tickets are \$18 for Adults, \$15 for Senior Citizens (60+) and \$10 for Students with a valid Student ID. Don’t miss our Friday Night Specials – in an effort to make live theatre more accessible, for those people unable to afford regular ticket prices, attend any Friday performance, set your own price and “pay what you can!” Advance ticket sales are available online at www.ShowTix4U.com or tickets will be available at the box office one hour prior to curtain for each performance. For information, phone (845) 436-5336 or log onto www.scdw.net. *Little Shop of Horrors* is produced by special arrangement with Music Theatre International.

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