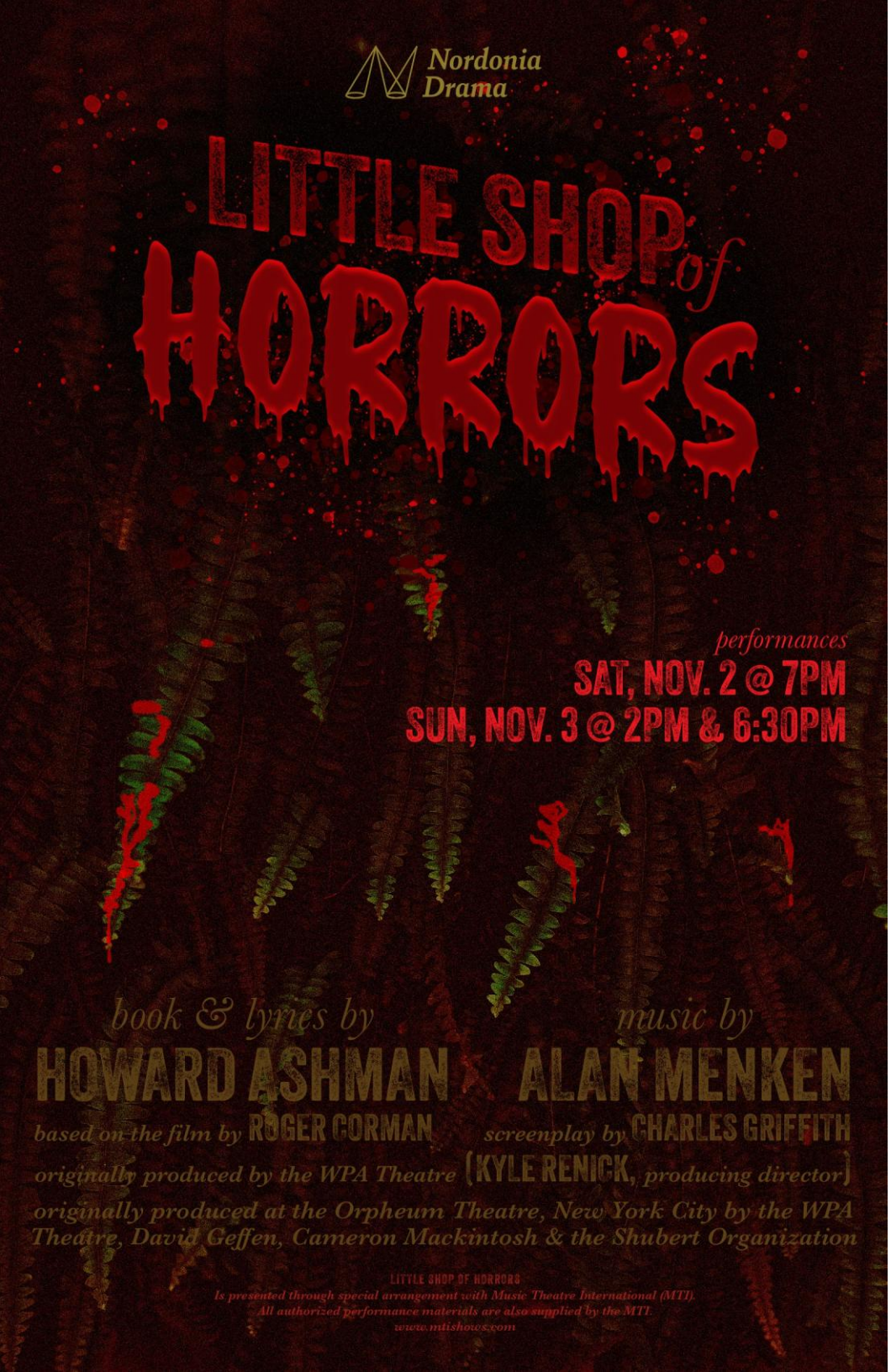


FROM THE DIRECTOR

Thank you so much for joining us for our inaugural fall musical, *Little Shop of Horrors*! When I took over Nordonia Drama in the fall of 2013, expanding our season to include a third production had always been in the back of my mind. It was a goal I have been silently working towards for the last twelve years and keeping this year's season reveal a secret was one of the hardest things I have ever had to do in my career, for when all the pieces finally fell into place for this year, I wanted to shout it from the rooftops!

Little Shop of Horrors is my favorite musical of all time. It was a given for me that when I was able to add a third production and could explore some smaller cast musicals, it would always be my first to bring to the Nordonia stage. I first directed *Little Shop* as my senior honors project at The University of Akron in 2008, and it has always held a special place with me. This production, and this cast, has only strengthened that.

In the simplest terms, *Little Shop of Horrors* is a campy horror musical about (Spoiler Alert!) an alien plant that eats people. But at its core, it is so much more than that. It is about a world where the characters' desires are so simple, yet so unreachable: the desire to escape, to be a success, to have genuine human connections. These are all expressed in such an unconventionally twisted way that it makes you laugh, but as you look deeper you find yourself caring for these people, rooting for them to succeed. When they don't, it breaks your heart. There is no happy ending, and that is exactly the point.

To my Skid Row derelicts, I am in awe of you. We had no precedent for what we were attempting to achieve, and you put together a musical in six weeks! I am honored to have found our own Somewhere That's Green with you all. After 20 years on staff with Nordonia Drama, you are the reason I am still in love with what I do. To Ryan, Mason, Carlton, Dylan, Kitty, Keyshaun and all our crews, thank you for helping me bring this show I love so much to our stage.

As always, thank you for supporting the arts here at Nordonia. If this is any indication, we have some big things in store for the future of Nordonia Drama, and I cannot wait to figure out what we tackle next. In the meantime, please remember, that whatever you do,
DON'T FEED THE PLANTS!!

Chris Simmons, Director of Drama

Nordonia Drama

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Books and Lyrics by
Howard Ashman

Music by
Alan Menken

Vocal Arrangements by
Robert Billig

Orchestrations by
Robert Merkin

Based on the film by Roger Corman, Screenplay by Charles Griffith

Little Shop of Horrors was originally directed by Howard Ashman, with musical staging by Edie Cowan

Chris Simmons
Director

Ryan Dulaney
Music Director

Mason Tyler
Choreographer

Little Shop of Horrors
is presented through special arrangement with
Music Theatre International (MTI).
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.
www.mtishows.com

MUSICAL NUMBERS

Prologue (Little Shop of Horrors).....Urchins
Skid Row (Downtown).....Company
Da-Doo.....Seymour, Urchins
Grow for Me.....Seymour
Ya Never Know.....Mushnik, Urchins, Seymour
Somewhere That's Green.....Audrey
Closed for Renovations.....Seymour, Audrey, Mushnik
Dentist!.....Orin, Urchins
Mushnik and Son.....Mushnik, Seymour
Feed Me (Git It).....Seymour, Audrey II
Now (It's Just the Gas).....Orin, Seymour

THERE WILL BE ONE 15 MINUTE INTERMISSION

Call Back in the Morning.....Seymour, Audrey
Suddenly, Seymour.....Seymour, Audrey, Urchins
Suppertime.....Audrey II
The Meek Shall Inherit.....Seymour, Urchins, Bernstein, Luce, Snip
Sominex/Suppertime II.....Audrey, Audrey II
Finale (Don't Feed the Plants).....Company

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Please silence your cell phones.

The taking of photographs or video with or without a flash is a violation of our license agreement and is strictly prohibited.

Concessions and Candy-Grams are available in the cafeteria.

Following the performance, we will be collecting donations. Nordonia Drama will split all money collected this weekend with **The Emergency Assistance Center**. Thank you!!

CAST

Seymour Krelborn.....Caeden Bolling
Audrey.....Ella Bozan
Orin, and Everyone Else.....Ezekiel Rayle
Mr. Mushnik.....Zion Fountain
Crystal.....Camille Laviano
Chiffon.....Aubrey Spinetti
Ronnie.....Mason Tyler
Audrey II.....Princess Okechukwu

PRODUCTION STAFF

Director.....Chris Simmons
Music Director.....Ryan Dulaney
Choreographer.....Mason Tyler
Technical Directors.....Carlton Guc, Dylan Maholm
Dance Captain.....Ezekiel Rayle
Fight Captain.....Caeden Bolling
Lighting Designer.....Patrick Ciamacco
Sound/Set Designer.....Carlton Guc
Graphic Design.....Logan Strauss
Social Media.....Richie Nyce, Ezekiel Rayle
Costumes Manager.....Aubrey Spinetti
Production Photographer.....Lexi Majoros
Production Videographer.....Chris Rayle
Production Printing.....Kimpton Printing
Audrey II Puppeteer.....Julia Dulaney, Dylan Maholm
Makeup and Hair Supervisor.....Kitty Flauto
Makeup and Hair Crew Manager.....Julia Greenberg
Makeup and Hair Crew.....Beatrice Babloyan, Kailey Brooks, Bella DiPenti, Kyra Murrey
Stage Crew/Box Office Supervisor.....Keyshaun Smith
Stage Crew/Props Manager.....Abigail Bendlak
Stage Crew.....Molly Anderson, McKenzie Auman, Madeline Ayers, Liam Bolling, Henry Burt, Hailey Cannon, Henry Hayes, Kayla Joo, Gracie Okresik, Ethan Ulrich, Naomi Weatherlow-Rand
Tech Crew Managers.....Anthony Trivisonno Jr., Kendall Haynes
Tech Crew.....Izzy Bacik, Sophie Gentile, Daniel Keaveny, Ash Patterson, Addy Sears, Lila Sedor, Paul Yorkievitz

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO...

Casey Wright	Louise Teringo	Amy Strauss
Jessy Archer	Anthony Buckler	Jeff Fox
Cindy Simmons	Megan Gargano	Vicki Lester
Melissa Chase	Kyle Kiffer	Eszti Pigniczky
Julie Kaczmarek	Laura Bednar	Mary Kidd
Eric Vasquez	Kathleen Pellington	John Pickering
Jen Garver	Adam Zehnder	Caroline Pintner
Amaya Mayes	Ray Killian	Aaron Coleman

Jen & Chris Rayle Paul & Glenda Bolling

Mike Kelley and the NHS Custodial Staff

Dane CT Leasure & Eugene Rogers, Rubber City Theatre

MEET THE RESIDENTS OF SKID ROW

Caeden Bolling (Seymour Krelborn, Fight Captain) is a senior this year and *Little Shop of Horrors* marks his seventh performance with Nordonia Drama. He has also performed in: *Five by Ives, Once Upon a Mattress* (Wizard), *Puffs* (Wayne Hopkins), *The Little Mermaid* (Scuttle), *A Murder is Announced* (Edmund) and *Mamma Mia!* (Bill). This past summer he also performed in Rubber City Theatre's production of *Freaky Friday* (Parker/Louis). Caeden is currently in his second year as Co-President of Drama and is also involved in Choir and National Honor Society and helps out at his church. After graduation, he plans to attend college for Education, while continuing to pursue music. Caeden promises that he's not actually as gullible as Seymour, and only feeds his plants one friend a month!

Ella Bozan (Audrey) is a senior. She is currently serving as Co-President of Drama and this is her sixth production on the Nordonia stage. She has performed in: *Five by Ives, Once Upon a Mattress* (Minstrel), *The Little Mermaid* (Ariel), *A Murder is Announced* (Mrs. Sweetenham) and *Mamma Mia!* (Ali). She has also performed with Phoenix Performing Arts and the Akron All-City Musical. Ella is involved in Momentum and National Honor Society. After high school, Ella plans to major in Business and Psychology.

Zion Fountain (Mr. Mushnik) is a junior. This is his fourth appearance with Drama. Zion has been on the Nordonia stage in: *Puffs, The Little Mermaid* and *Mamma Mia!* (Pepper). He has also performed with middle school Drama, worked on crew for Drama and is active in acapella. Zion likes to play video games and volleyball and plans to attend college for Computer Science and Music after high school.

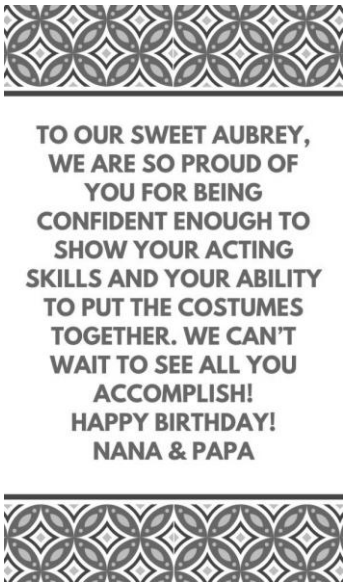
Camille Laviano (Crystal) is a junior this year, and this is her second production with Nordonia Drama, after appearing as Sophie Sheridan in last spring's *Mamma Mia!* When not on stage, she is involved in Synergy and has played softball for ten years. After high school, Camille currently plans to go to college for Nursing.

Princess Okechukwu (Audrey II) is a sophomore this year, and this is her second performance with Nordonia Drama, having appeared in *Mamma Mia!* last spring. She also participated in Drama in middle school. In addition to Drama, Princess is active in Band, Choir and acapella. Her current post-high school plans are to attend college to double major in Biochemistry and Music.

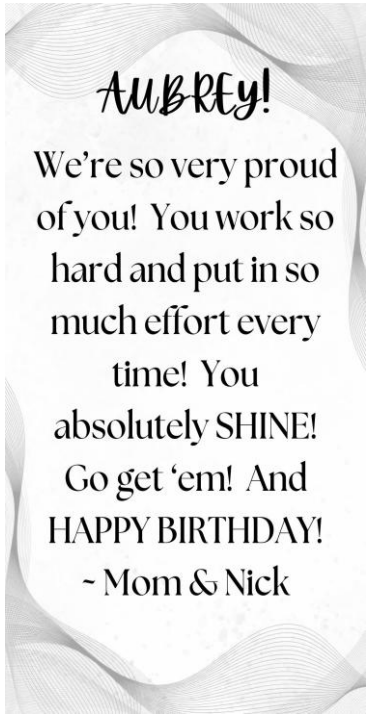
Ezekiel Rayle (Orin and Everyone Else, Dance Captain) is a junior appearing onstage in his fifth production with Drama. He has also performed in: *Puffs, The Little Mermaid* (Sebastian), *A Murder is Announced* (Inspector Craddock) and *Mamma Mia!* (Sam). Ezekiel has also worked with Rubber City Theatre in Akron on their production of *Mean Girls* (Kevin G) and *Freaky Friday* (Adam). He is the current Vice President for Nordonia Drama, helps run our social media accounts (Follow our TikTok!), is involved with Choir, and takes voice lessons from Vicki Lester. After high school, Ezekiel plans to pursue a BFA in Musical Theatre, and study Marketing and Advertising. Instagram: @zeke_rayle.

Aubrey Spinetti (Chiffon, Costumes Manager) is in the twelfth grade, and this is her third year involved with Nordonia Drama. She has appeared onstage in our productions of: *Puffs, The Little Mermaid, A Murder is Announced* (Letitia Blacklock) and *Mamma Mia!* This is her second year serving as the Costumes Manager for Drama, and she is excited to fully design our production of *Little Women* next month. Aubrey plans to attend Kent State University to major in a fashion field, minoring in Costume Design, and hopes to assist Drama in the future!

Mason Tyler (Ronnie, Choreographer) is a senior this year and has worked with Drama onstage as an actor and dance captain. He has appeared in: *The Little Mermaid* (Pilot) and *Mamma Mia!* (Sky) for Nordonia, as well as *Mean Girls* (Mr. Duvall) and *Freaky Friday* (Wells) for Rubber City Theatre, and *Oklahoma!* with the Akron All-City Musical. Mason is a dancer for Center Stage, has run Cross Country and is involved with Black Student Union. *Little Shop* is Mason's third credit as Choreographer, he has loved the process, and could not be more thankful for the opportunity. He plans to to major in Music Production next fall.



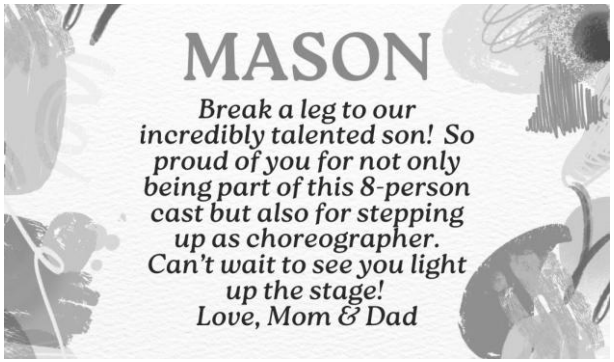
Caeden
WE ARE SO VERY PROUD OF YOU, CAEDEN. YES, FOR THE PARTS YOU HAVE PLAYED IN EACH PLAY/PERFORMANCE, BUT FOR THE YOUNG MAN YOU ARE!
YOU BRING GREAT JOY TO US!
YOU ARE A HARD WORKING YOUNG MAN, COMMITTED TO WHAT YOU TAKE ON AND ARE FRIENDLY TO EVERYONE.
AS YOU FINISH YOUR LAST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL AND HEAD OFF TO COLLEGE, WE KNOW YOU WILL BE SUCCESSFUL!
YOUR VALUES ARE OUTSTANDING.
MAY YOU ALWAYS STRIVE FOR YOUR BEST! WE LOVE YOU SO MUCH!!
~GRANDMA & PAPA

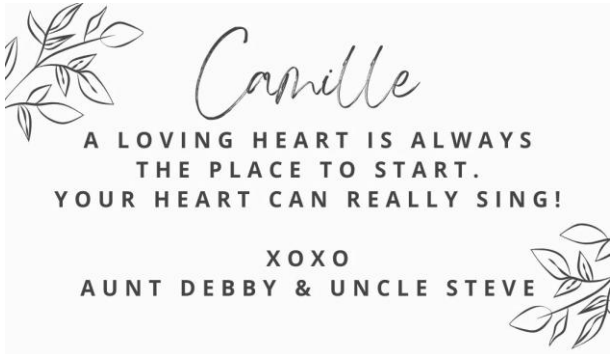

AUBREY!
We're so very proud of you! You work so hard and put in so much effort every time! You absolutely SHINE! Go get 'em! And HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
~ Mom & Nick

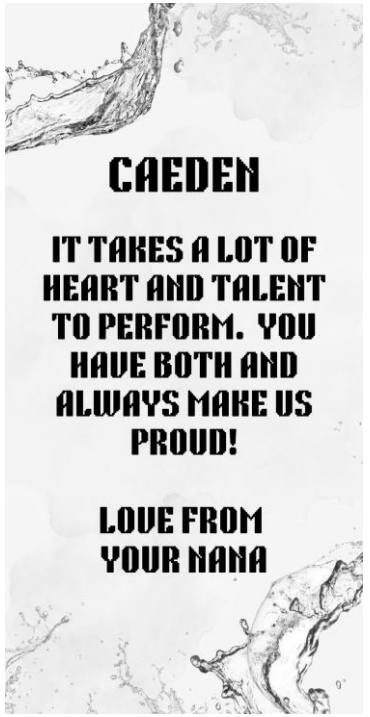
Chris & Ryan
Thank you both so much for all you've done for us. On behalf of all theatre kids... we love you!

ALWAYS REMEMBER...
IT IS NOT A PROBLEM, IT IS A LIFESTYLE. AND IF THEY DO NOT THINK WE ARE MENTAL, THEN WE ARE DOING SOMETHING WRONG.
WHILE WE MAY LIVE HERE NOW, I DO THINK WE ACTUALLY MIGHT MAKE IT. BREAK A LEG!!
TO MY MONDAY AND THURSDAY MEN!
CAEDEN AND ZEKE!
(AKA SEYMOUR AND ORIN)
SUCH A CHANCE TO SHOW OFF YOUR TALENTS...WATERING A PLANT AND DRILLING TEETH!
-MRS. LESTER

BREAK A LEG
ZION!!!

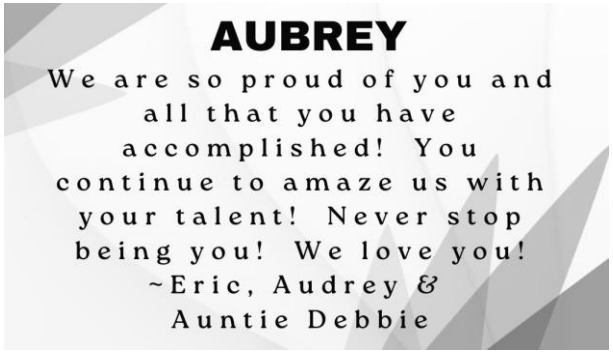

MASON
Break a leg to our incredibly talented son! So proud of you for not only being part of this 8-person cast but also for stepping up as choreographer. Can't wait to see you light up the stage!
Love, Mom & Dad


Camille
A LOVING HEART IS ALWAYS THE PLACE TO START.
YOUR HEART CAN REALLY SING!
XOXO
AUNT DEBBY & UNCLE STEVE


CAEDEN
IT TAKES A LOT OF HEART AND TALENT TO PERFORM. YOU HAVE BOTH AND ALWAYS MAKE US PROUD!
LOVE FROM YOUR NANA

CONGRATS PRINCESS!
WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!

Caeden
WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU AND WHO YOU HAVE BECOME...NOT JUST THE CHARACTERS YOU PLAY ON STAGE!
WHAT AN AMAZING START TO YOUR SENIOR YEAR, SEYMOUR!
MOM & DAD


AUBREY
We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished! You continue to amaze us with your talent! Never stop being you! We love you!
~Eric, Audrey & Auntie Debbie

Can't wait to "Seymour" of your acting chops, Nordonia Drama!

Break a Leg!!

Your English Department

Ezekiel

I could not be happier and prouder to get to perform next to my best friend again. Watching you do what you love, and getting to be a part of it, is a privilege. I'm so proud of you and so excited for even more shows together!!

Camille ♥

AUBREY

IT HAS BEEN SO FUN WATCHING YOU GROW INTO THE AMAZING, TALENTED GIRL YOU ARE TODAY! I AM SO PROUD OF YOU AND CAN'T WAIT FOR WHAT'S NEXT! HAPPY BIRTHDAY!! SALLY

Ella

YOU HAVE PUT YOUR BLOOD (SWEAT & TEARS) INTO THIS ROLE. WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU BLOSSOM INTO THE ICONIC ROLE OF AUDREY THIS WEEKEND! WE LOVE YOU!! LOVE, YOUR FAMILY

Caeden

YOUR COURAGE AND STAGE PRESENCE ARE VERY IMPRESSIVE. WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOUR DEVELOPMENT. LOVE YOU! PAPA

Cheers to my lovely and talented granddaughter Camille. Keep on singing!!

Love,

Grandma

SAVE THE DATES!

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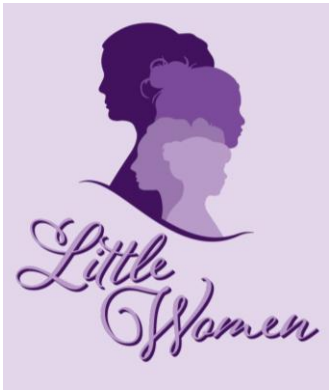

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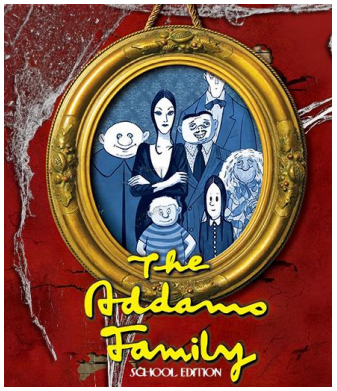

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