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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. --The Illinois Wesleyan University School of Theatre Arts will bring Alan Menken and Howard Ashman's "The Little Shop of Horrors" to its McPherson Theatre Stage Oct. 9-14. The musical begins at 8 p.m., Oct. 9-13 and 2 p.m. on Oct. 14.

"The Little Shop of Horrors," a comical musical, tells the story of Seymour, a floral shop assistant, who seeks fame and love by raising a potted carnivore.

Menken's music and Ashman's words explore a variety of musical styles from the rumba to rock and include such classics as "Downtown (Skid Row)" and "Suddenly Seymour." Since collaborating on "The Little Shop of Horrors" Menken and Ashman have produced such Disney favorites as "The Little Mermaid" and "Aladdin."

Under the direction of Tom Ossowski, IWU assistant professor of theatre arts and music theatre coordinator, "The Little Shop of Horrors" will feature:

- Jeff Doden, a senior music theater major from Appleton, Wis.
- Kristin Stewart, a junior music theater major from Martelle, Iowa
- Kenneth E. Pierce, a junior theater arts major from Arden Hills, Minn.
- Andrew Schneider, a junior theater arts major from Milwaukee, Wis.
- Mark Kelley, a sophomore theater arts major from Chesterfield, Mo.
- Philip David Ocampo, a sophomore music theater major from Appleton, Wis.
- Katharine Kalahurka, a sophomore music theater major from Kansas City, Mo.
- Sarah Johnson, a senior music theater major from Madison, Wis.
- Megan Roskopf, a senior music theater major from Jefferson City, Mo.
- Natalie Berg, a senior vocal performance major from Park Ridge, Ill.
- Casey Clark, a sophomore music theater major from Bethalto, Ill.
- Erin Dickerson, a sophomore music theater major from Roscoe, Ill.
- Chirstina Hogg, a sophomore music theater major from Northbrook, Ill.
- Danielle Plisz, a senior music theater major from Deerfield, Ill.
- Dominic Anthony Cattero, a junior theater arts major from Batavia, Ill.
- Justin Hurt, a junior music theater major from Leander, Texas
- Jeremy Coffman, a senior music education major from Mattoon, Ill.
- Meg Kane, a junior theater arts major from Krikwood, Mo.
- Allan Quiaoit, a sophomore music theater major from Darien, Ill.
- Natalie Trejo, a junior music theater major from West Saint Paul, Minn.

Tickets for the production may be purchased at the IWU's McPherson Theatre box office.

Tickets are \$5 for performances on Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday and \$8 for performances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Seniors are eligible for a \$1 discount and students with an ID may purchase tickets for one dollar. Reservations may be made at the box office 24 hours a day by calling 309/556-3232.