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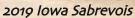
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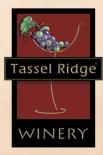
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Thank you so much for coming to our summer production. *Little Shop of Horrors* is such a fun show for this time of year - a doo wap 60's power trio, a wonderfully terrible B-list movie set to music - it takes us back to the days when all we worried about was cruising to the soda shop and hanging with friends. I hope you brought a friend with you to experience The Playhouse together!

Today's production wraps up our 104th Season and what a season it's been. Together, we've enjoyed musicals, comedies, drama, theatre for youth, theatre by youth, and special experiences including a collaboration with Pyramid Theatre Company and our first year of The Penguin Project. There is so much going on at The Playhouse.

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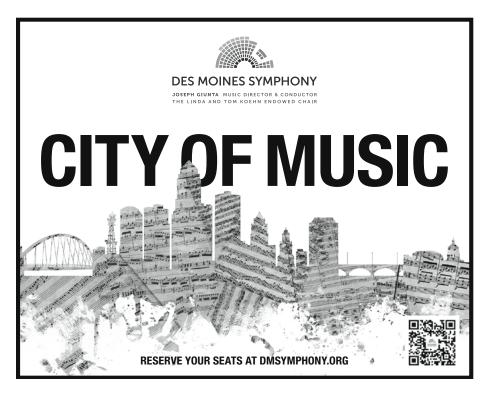
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LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Katy Merriman, Playhouse Artistic Director

There is no doubt that *Little Shop of Horrors* is a story that has entertained millions since its introduction as a B movie in 1960. The outrageous dark humor, low-budget production style, and satirical approach to science fiction and musical theatre itself has led to a historically successful off-Broadway run, a feature film adaptation, and an eventual Broadway premiere. It is very likely that many audience members at today's performance have seen this show at least once, but it has such a cult-classic charm about it that it is probably a production many return to again and again, and for good reason.

Each iteration of *Little Shop* has been adapted by famous industry professionals. The first musical off-Broadway run was created by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman, a team well-known for creating Disney's *The Little Mermaid, Beauty and the Beast, Aladdin,* and their subsequent Broadway adaptations. You may also recognize Menken's name from previous Playhouse shows including *Newsies* and *Sister Act. Little Shop of Horrors* premiered off-Broadway in 1982 at the Workshop of the Players Art Foundation and then moved to the Orpheum Theatre later the same year. Though not eligible for a Tony, it won the Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Musical that season. After a five-year run and 2,209 performances, the production closed in 1987 as the third-longest running musical and highest-grossing in off-Broadway

Keelin Reilly

history at the time. The small cast and 60's rock and roll music made it popular not only in professional theatres but in school and community theatres around the nation.

In 1986, the film was re-made into a \$25 million feature film directed by Frank Oz. A collaborator with Jim Henson, Oz knew puppetry and relied heavily on animatronics to create six versions of Audrey II for filming. The smallest was 4 inches tall, while the largest was over 12 feet high and required up to sixty people to fully operate. The Audrey II you will see today was rented from a puppetry company specializing in shipping Audrey IIs throughout the country and is operated by one person, Katie Hughes.

Little Shop of Horrors finally made it's Broadway debut in 2003 with expanded songs, an edited finale to Act I, and additional instruments to enrich the score. Moving to Broadway meant playing a cult favorite built for smaller theatres for much bigger houses and required some expansion of the production. The score you will hear today is based on this version of the music. A 2019 off-Broadway revival opened at the Westside Theatre but closed quickly due to COVID. Happily, this production has since returned and is still successfully running. It received the Drama Desk, Outer Critics Circle, and Drama League Awards for Best Musical Revival in 2020. The current Westside Theatre production stars Joy Woods as *Audrey* and Matt Doyle as *Seymour*. (If you're a Jeremy Jordan fan, he will also return to perform the role of Seymour this summer from July through September!)

Little Shop of Horrors was adapted for a smaller-than-Broadway theatre, and you are currently sitting in one. This musical has thrilled audiences in schools, communities, and professional theatres throughout the world, and we are honored to present it to you today.

Enjoy!

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Ticket Office Hours

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Des Moines Community Playhouse Presents in the John Viars Theatre

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Book and Lyrics by Howard Ashman Music by Alan Menken

Based on the film by Roger Corman

Originally Produced by the WPA Theatre (Kyle Renick, Producing Director) Originally Produced at the Orpheum Theatre, New York City by the WPA Theatre, David Geffen, Cameron Mackintosh and the Schubert Organization.

Little Shop of Horrors was originally Directed by Howard Ashman with Musical Staging by Edie Cowan

Presented by MidAmerican Energy Company

Director: **Ron Ziegler** Music Director: **Brenton Brown** Choreographer: **Megan Helmers** Scenic Designer: **David Len** Costume Designer: **Angela Lampe** Lighting Designer: **Sam Stephen** Properties Designer: **Nancy Darsee, Kathy Pingel** Stage Manager: **Jessie Worden** Assistant Music Director: **Emma Feldhans** Assistant Choreographer: **Stella Webster** Assistant Stage Managers: **Greg Millar, Hudson Pulver**

Cast

In Order of Performance *Indicates Playhouse Debut

Chiffon	Me'Lisa Dudley*
Crystal	
Ronnette	
Mr. Mushnik	Jim Benda
Audrey	Morgan Wolfe*
Seymour	Keelin Reilly
Orin	Charlie Reese
Audrey II – Voice of Plant	Ar'Jye Collier
Audrey II – Puppeteer	Katelyn Hughes

Little Shop of Horrors is presented with a 15-minute intermission.

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MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT I

Little Shop of Horrors	Girls
Skid Row	
Da-Doo	Girls, Seymour
Grow For Me	
You Never Know	Mushnik, Seymour, Girls
Somewhere That's Green	Audrey
Closed for Renovation	Seymour, Audrey, Mushnik
Be a Dentist	Orin, Girls
Mushnik & Son	Mushnik, Seymour
Sudden Changes	Seymour
Git It	-
Now (It's the Gas)	
Act I Finale	

ACT II

Call Back in the Morning	Seymour, Audrey
Suddenly Seymour	Seymour, Audrey, Girls
Suppertime	
The Meek Shall Inherit	
Sominex/Suppertime Reprise	Audrey, Audrey II
Somewhere That's Green Reprise	Audrey
Finale	





Jim Benda (Mr. Mushnik) is making his 22nd appearance on The Playhouse stage, having most recently appeared in Calendar Girls (John Clarke) last season and Plaza Suite (Sam Nash) as part of the Tent Theatre series the year before.

His Playhouse credits include 15 musicals beginning with *Funny Girl* (Ziegfeld) in 1992. Other Shows include *The Drowsy Chaperone* (Man in Chair), *Hello*, *Dolly!* (Horace Vandergelder), and *The Pajama Game* (Hines). Jim has also played Cratchit in *A Christmas Carol* in Pensacola, FL, where he and his partner, Lou, spend their winters.



Faith Brooks (Crystal) made her first appearance on The Playhouse stage as Ella in Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella. Other theatre credits include Godspell (Lindsay) at the Ankeny Community Theatre and Dreamgirls

(Lorrell Robinson) at Theatre Cedar Rapids, which has been her favorite role. In the fall, Faith will be attending Berklee College of Music for a B.A. in voice performance. Her hobbies include listening to music, learning to play instruments, and traveling.



Ar'Jye Collier (*Audrey II – Voice of the Plant*) is a singer, songwriter, performer, and father. He is a local entertainer/singer in The People's Band and Diamond Empire Band and is releasing a second album this summer. Ar'Jye was last seen

on The Playhouse stage as Lymon in August Wilson's The Piano Lesson, a co-production with Pyramid Theatre Company. His previous productions include George in Intimate Apparel and Tony in Too Heavy for Your Pocket, both at Pyramid Theatre Company.



Me'Lisa Dudley (Chiffon) is making her debut on The Playhouse stage. Me'Lisa has also performed in Descendants: The Musical (Cruella DeVill) and School of Rock (Shonelle) at Des Moines Young Artists' Theatre (DMYAT), Peter

and the Star Catcher (Lord Aster) at the University of Northern Iowa (UNI), and *The Wizard of Oz* (Dorothy) at Des Moines East High School. Her favorite role is Heather Duke in *Heathers The Musical* at DMYAT. Me'Lisa will be a sophomore at UNI this fall. In her free time, she likes gaming, playing cards with family, singing and karaoke, improv, and playing with her little sister.



Katelyn Hughes (Audrey II – Puppeteer) is an art/theatre graduate from Central College in Pella where her favorite role was Penelope Pennywise in Urinetown The Musical. Katie's latest

Playhouse role was Miss Agatha Trunchbull in *Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical*. She is a member of The Playhouse's Friday Funday cast. Her other Playhouse credits include spotlight operator for *Kinky Boots* and *Guys and Dolls*, stage crew for *Singin' in the Rain*, and props designer for *Rodgers* + Hammerstein's Cinderella. A graphic designer and gift shop lead for UnityPoint Foundation, Katie likes knitting, film, and attending festivals.



Charlie Reese (Orin) has been performing in Des Moines for over two decades in shows such as Singin' in the Rain (Don Lockwood, Cloris Award winner) and The New Mel Brooks Musical Young Frankenstein (Dr. Frankenstein,

Cloris Award winner) at The Playhouse, *The Bridges* of Madison County Concert Version (Robert) with Tallgrass Theatre, Avenue Q (Princeton/Rod) at StageWest, and Heathers the Musical (Kurt's Dad) at Des Moines Young Artists' Theatre. Charlie works as a lead compliance officer for Wells Fargo. He enjoys dancing around the house with his wife, Megan Helmers, and their pets Det. Olivia Benson and Elliott Patrick Swayze.



Keelin Reilly (Seymour) grew up on the East Coast where he was involved in productions of *The Drowsy Chaperone* (Robert) and *Cabaret* (Herr Schultz) with Johns Hopkins Barnstormers (Baltimore, MD), Monty Python's Spamalot (Sir

Lancelot) at Delaware Allstate Theatre (Wilmington), and Avenue Q (Princeton) at Archmere Academy (Claymont, DE). After completing his bachelor's degree at Johns Hopkins University, Keelin moved to Des Moines to take a research position at Corteva Agriscience. Keelin was last seen on The Playhouse stage as Jean-Michel in *Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella*.



Nyabhan Teny (Ronnette) is making her Playhouse debut as Ronette. She was a dance captain in *Heathers The Musical* at Des Moines Young Artists' Theatre last summer. She is a sophomore at Roosevelt University in Chicago

where she is completing her bachelor's of fine arts. When she's not singing and dancing, you can find her playing video games or sketching.



Morgan Wolfe (Audrey) recently graduated from Iowa State University (ISU) with a B.S. in public relations & performing arts. While at (ISU), she performed in 9 to 5 The Musical (Doralee), Night of the Living Dead! The Musical! (Betty

Lou), *Corners Grove* (Julia), and *Songs for a New World*. She also played Eponine in *Les Misérables* at Johnston High School. Morgan is working as a research assistant for the Ivy College of Business at ISU. Her interests range from hanging with her chunky pet rabbit, Phoebe, to songwriting, playing the piano, and traveling.



Ron Ziegler (*Director*) resides in North Port, FL and retired from his position as festivals coordinator for the American Association of Community Theatre (AACT) after a 40+ year theatre career. Ron worked for the Playhouse

as associate director and was the first artistic/ managing director for the Kate Goldman Children's Theatre. He also founded and managed the Iowa Fringe Festival. He is a past president of AACT, was named an AACT fellow, and joined the AACT staff as field services director in 2009. Ron has adjudicated state and regional theatre festivals across the US and abroad. He has directed for theatres in Iowa, South Dakota, Kentucky, Florida, and Germany. Ron and his spouse, Kathy Pingel, were awarded the 2016 Cloris Award for direction for their co-direction of Des Moines Young Artists Theatre's *The Hobbit*. Ron was recently recognized with the Art Cole Lifetime of Leadership award from AACT.



Brenton Brown (Music Director) says Little Shop of Horrors is his 60th show at The Playhouse. His Playhouse shows include Fiddler on the Roof, Les Misérables, Mary Poppins, Monty Python's Spamalot, Into the Woods, The New Mel

Brooks Musical Young Frankenstein, A Chorus Line, Disney's The Little Mermaid, Mamma Mia!, Billy Elliot The Musical, Elf The Musical, Catch Me If You Can, Disney's Newsies, A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder, A Christmas Story; The Musical, and The Sound of Music. He was awarded the Cloris Leachman Excellence in Theatre Award for best musical direction of The Playhouse production of *Ragtime*. He has appeared onstage as the title character in *Sweeney Todd* at the Ingersoll Dinner Theatre and as L.M. in *Pump Boys and Dinettes* at The Playhouse. Brenton is artistic director of the Harmony Delegation Chorus. He and his wife, Jessica, enjoy spending time with their children, Lindy and Bennett.



Megan Helmers (Choreographer) has choreographed many shows at The Playhouse including Kinky Boots; Cabaret; Godspell; A Christmas Story;, The Musical; Disney's Newsies; Elf The Musical; Billy Elliot The Musical; and Disney's

The Little Mermaid. Other recent choreography includes The Spongebob Musical, Cabaret, Meet Me in St. Louis, The Sound of Music, and Hello, Dolly! for Theatre Cedar Rapids and Oklahoma! and Chaplin for Revival Theatre Company. Megan's work as a director/choreographer includes Des Moines Young Artists' Theatre's (DMYAT) Heathers The Musical and Bring it On The Musical, The Playhouse's A Chorus Line and Disney's Freaky Friday One Act, Noce's tick, tick... boom! and Murder Ballad, and Tallgrass Theatre's The Revolutionists. Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley, The Bridges of Madison County, and Ordinary Days. Megan works in digital marketing for the arts at Capacity Interactive and spent the last three years teaching various dance styles for the Drake University Theatre Department. She enjoys dancing around the house with husband Charlie Reese and their pets, Detective Olivia Benson Helmers-Reese and Elliott Patrick Swayze Helmers-Reese



David Len (*Set Designer*) is thrilled to join the production team for *Little Shop of Horrors!* David graduated from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan in 1986 with a B.F.A. in tech/design for theatre and the University of Connecticut

in 1989 where he received his M.F.A. in theatrical design. He spent three years with the University of Illinois as their scenic charge artist and visiting assistant professor. After that, David spent the next 29 years with the Grand Rapids Civic Theatre as their resident scenic designer and scenic charge artist. Since arriving in Grand Rapids, he has designed and painted in excess of 230 productions for the Civic Theatre, Circle Theatre, Grand Rapids Ballet, Spectrum Theatre, and Grand Valley and Cornerstone Universities. Some of his favorite productions include

Return to the Forbidden Planet, Rebecca, and Les Misérables. In his spare time, he presents various workshops and teaches classes in scene design, stage craft, and scenic painting.



Angela Lampe (Costume Designer) began her tenure with The Playhouse in 1993 and has designed costumes, sets, and props for nearly 300 productions including Guys and Dolls, Meredith Wilson's The Music

Man, A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder, Ella Enchanted, The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane, Ragtime, Les Misérables, Disney's The Little Mermaid, West Side Story, Into the Woods, A Streetcar Named Desire, Sunset Boulevard, and Hairspray. She has a B.A. from Central College in Pella and an M.F.A. in theatre from the University of Nebraska. She is the recipient of five Cloris Awards for excellence in costuming and puppetry.



Sam Stephen (Lighting Designer) has a B.A. in live entertainment design and technology from North Central College in Naperville, Illinois. Their most recent Playhouse production was lighting designer for Kinky Boots and they

previously designed *Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical*. Other design credits include *The Legend of Georgia McBride* at Metropolis Performing Arts Center, *It Runs in the Family* at Citadel Theatre, *Among the Dead* at Jackalope Theatre, *She Loves Me* at Brightside Theatre and *Cabaret* at Metropolis, all in the Chicago area. www.DesignsBySamuelStephen.com



Nancy Darsee (Properties Designer) has been involved as an assistant director or stage manager on numerous productions at The Playhouse including Calendar Girls, The Hundred Dresses, There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom,

Enchanted April, and three productions of Annie. Her introduction to The Playhouse was as properties crew for Ramona Quimby in 1999. She has also lent her talents as an actor, dresser, light board operator, and sound board operator, and assisted guests as an usher. She and her husband, Kent, have three children, Jenna, Ella, and Cohen. Nancy likes walking and watching tennis.



Kathy Pingel (Properties Designer) came back to The Playhouse to direct Calendar Girls last spring. She was the director of education and youth programming at The Playhouse for 10 years until her retirement in 2015. She also served

as artistic director of the Kate Goldman Children's Theatre. Since leaving The Playhouse, Kathy has directed and taught in Kentucky, Oregon, Michigan, Iowa, Florida, Oklahoma, and Ansbach, Germany.



Jessie Worden (Stage Manager) is excited to stage manage her third production at The Playhouse. In December 2022, she stage managed Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella. While, residing in Omaha, she stage managed productions

such as *Tuck Everlasting* (Bellevue Little Theatre) and *Little Women* (Chanticleer Community Theatre) and *Into the Woods* (Papillion La Vista Community Theatre). She works for Stride Autism Centers as a registered behavior technician. Jessie is married to Christopher and is expecting their first child.



Emma Feldhans (Assistant Music Director) was an assistant music director for Rodger + Hammerstein's Cinderella and music director for How I Became a Pirate. She was assistant music director for Heathers The Musical at Des Moines

Young Artists' Theatre (DMYAT). Her acting credits include *Oklahomal* at Iowa State University and *Bring it On The Musical* at DMYAT. Emma received her bachelor's degree in vocal music education from Iowa State University and works as a choir teacher at Parkview Middle School in Ankeny. Her hobbies include painting and reading.



Stella Webster (Assistant Choreographer) began her Playhouse career as a youth in Disney's Alice in Wonderland Jr. and more recently appeared in Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical (Acrobat/ Big Kid), Rodger's + Hammerstein's

Cinderella, and *Kinky Boots*. Other area shows include *Legally Blonde Jr*. (Brooke Wyndham, a favorite role), *Fame Jr*. *Annie Jr.*, and *Hairspray Jr*. at Des Moines Young Artist's Theatre. Stella is a choreographer at Des Moines Roosevelt and Lincoln high schools. A junior at Iowa State University, Stella is majoring in performing arts with a double emphasis in musical theatre and dance.



Greg Millar (Assistant Stage Manager) is a favorite with Des Moines area audiences. He has had lead roles in many shows including, at The Playhouse, Annie, Disney's Beauty and the Beast, Fiddler on the Roof, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.

Leaving Iowa, Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! The Musical!, and Pippi Longstocking (Dionysos Award recipient). His favorite roles are Harold Nichols in The Full Monty and Nicely-Nicely Johnson in Guys and Dolls. Greg teaches spring break and summer theatre classes at The Playhouse. His hobbies include horse racing and baking.



Hudson Pulver (Assistant Stage Manager) has been a part of The Playhouse in many capacities including set construction, painting, fly crew, and PIP (pre-intern program). His most recent stage credits are Roald Dahl's Matilda

The Musical (Ensemble/Michael Understudy) and *Tinker Bell* (John Darling), and hewas a production intern for *The Hundred Dresses* at The Playhouse and *A Christmas Story* (Ralphie Parker) at Ankeny Community Theatre. Hudson is an eighth grader at Bergman Academy, Des Moines, and enjoys lighting design, music, and mountain biking.



Katy Merriman (Artistic Director) has been an active member of the local theatre community since moving to Des Moines in 2013. Her Playhouse directing credits include Go, Dog. Gol; Guys and Dolls; The Sound of Music; the world premiere

of Escaping the Labyrinth; A Love Offering (codirected with Tiffany Johnson and Pyramid Theatre Company); and I and You. Other local performance and directing credits include The Glass Menagerie (Laura), King Lear (Cordelia), Our Town (Emily), and Fun Home (director) with Iowa Stage Theatre Company. She has coached and adjudicated for IHSSA and adjudicated the monologue competition this summer at American Association of Community Theatre's national festival. Prior to her time in Des Moines, Katy worked with numerous theatres in the Midwest as a performer, director, musician, and administrator.



Howard Ashman (Book/Lyrics) is best known as a pivotal creative mind behind the renaissance of Disney animation and his work on The Little Mermaid, Aladdin, and Beauty and the Beast (which

is dedicated to, "Our friend, Howard Ashman, who gave a Mermaid her voice and a Beast his soul...") Ashman's first love was theatre. He was a found of off off Broadway's renowned WPA Theater, where he conceived, wrote, and directed *God Bless You, Mr. Rosewater*, as well as the classical musical, *Little Shop of Horrors* (both with Alan Menken). In 1986, he wrote and directed the Broadway musical *Smile* (music by Marvin Hamlisch). Lamented as a lost treasure of the 1980's theatre scene, *Smile* remains popular on high school and college campuses throughout the country. Howard Ashman died in 1991 from complications of AIDS. howardashman.com.



Alan Menken (Composer) has created some of the most beloved songs and musical scores of our time. Theatre credits include: God Bless You Mr Rosewater, Little Shop of Horrors, Real Life Funnies, Atina: Evil Queen of The Galaxy, Kicks,

The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz. Beauty and the Beast, A Christmas Carol, Weird Romance, King David, Der Glöckner Von Notre Dame. The Little Mermaid. Sister Act. Leap Of Faith. Aladdin. and Newsies. Film: Little Shop of Horrors, The Little Mermaid, Beauty and the Beast, Newsies, Aladdin, Pocahontas. The Hunchback Of Notre Dame, Hercules, Life With Mikey, Lincoln, Home On The Range, Noel, Enchanted, Shaggy Dog, Tangled and Mirror Mirror. Songs: Rocky V, Home Alone 2, and Captain America. Awards: eight Oscars (19 nominations), 11 Grammys (including Song of the Year), seven Golden Globes, Tony® Awards(plus 4 nominations), Drama Desk, Outer Critics Circle, New York Drama Critics, Olivier and London's Evening Standard Award, Drama League. Honors: Songwriter's Hall of Fame. Doctorates from New York University and University of North Carolina School of the Arts.



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Our team makes it our mission to engage and enrich all people to provide lifelong educational opportunities and is committed to creating and supporting an inclusive theatre that will give everyone a platform to heal and to move forward into better days. *Published: June 2, 2020*

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The Playhouse is deeply committed to and supportive of diversity in local theatre. We work to include and serve all members of the community, to the extent possible, in stage productions and in our educational offerings.

The Playhouse has a strong and well-documented history of reaching out to diverse groups for inclusion in its programming. Our goal is to provide a rewarding experience for all volunteers and participants, from performers and students to their families and our audience members. *Policy published August 18, 2016*

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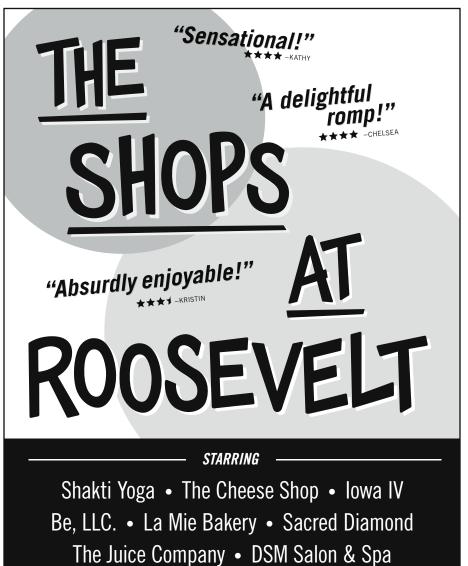


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As a child, I watched my father perform on stage playing great characters such as Atticus Finch, Ebenezer Scrooge and Captain Hook before earning roles of my own. I will always be grateful for the confidence and collaboration skills learned in the theatre and am proud that three generations of my family have been part of these special experiences.

Bankers Trust's commitment to community represents a different kind of character and is what attracted me to join the company. We help communities grow and thrive, not only through banking and lending, but also through volunteerism, employee engagement and charitable giving. It's part of the Bankers Trust Difference.

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