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**HERSHEY AREA PLAYHOUSE
PRESENTS *LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS***

HERSHEY, Pennsylvania—June 12, 2008 – *Little Shop of Horrors*, one of the longest-running Off-Broadway shows of all time (and a recent hit on Broadway), is coming to Hershey Area Playhouse at Country Meadows this summer. The fun, rocking musical is an affectionate spoof of 1950s sci-fi "B" movies. Put together a meek flower shop worker, a pretty young woman and an intergalactic man-eating plant that sings, and you've got *Little Shop of Horrors*.

This modern classic, directed by Mark W. Arner, will make you laugh, cry and, if you're not careful, you might just scream (but only a little). Composer Howard Ashman and Lyricist Alan Menken, of *Beauty and the Beast* and *The Little Mermaid* fame, created this outrageously funny musical.

The cast features Eric Mansilla as Seymour, Lydia Graeff as Audrey, Travis Stevens as Orin, Tony Pingitore as Mushnik and Marc Farrell as Audrey Two. Urchins are Martha Hershour, Ashley Kirchner, Katie Kokan and Abigail Ricker. Denizens of Skid Row are Marris Livollen, John Mallonee, Colleen Mullikin, Megan Nazar, Erik Nupponen, Randy Stamm and Brian Valley.

The crew includes: Producer Susan Cort; Stage Manager, Sharon Miller; Assistant Stage Manager, Diedra Adamiak; Vocal Director, Jessica Nupponen; Choreographer, Caitlin Graci; Lighting Director, Theresa Ridge; Set Designer, Carlton Hoke; Sound Designer, Tim Banis; Pit Conductor, Chris Stine; Costumer Mary Szeltner; Props and Puppet Crew, Claudia Holtzman; Rehearsal Pianist, Cindy Nye and Make-up/Hairstylist, Aileen Hower.

The show runs July 10 – 13 and 17 – 20, 2008 with performances at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays. Hershey Area Playhouse at Country Meadows is located on Sand Hill Road at Cherry Drive.

Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under – service charges apply. Group ticket sales of 20 or more receive a two dollar discount per ticket. For group sales information, please call the Hershey Area Playhouse Box Office at 717.533.8525. Individual tickets may be purchased at the door or online at HersheyAreaPlayhouse.com.

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