

# AUDITIONS

**Please note: Due to unforeseen circumstances, “Witness for the Prosecution” will be replaced with another Agatha Christie mystery, “The Hollow”. Details may be found below.**

## “THE HOLLOW” BY AGATHA CHRISTIE

DIRECTED BY AARON WILKINSON

6 women, 6 men

Audition dates: February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at the United Church

Performance dates: April 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> at Crossroads Charter Academy

An unhappy game of romantic “Follow the Leader” explodes into murder one weekend at The Hollow, home of Sir Henry and Lucy Angkatell. House guests include several members of the Angkatell family, an egotistical doctor, and his loyal wife. Nearly everyone has a motive and most had the opportunity. Enter Inspector Colquhoun and Sergeant Penny to solve the crime.

## “LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS” BY HOWARD ASHMAN AND ALAN MENKIN

DIRECTED BY PHILIP A. HIMEBAUGH

3-4 men, 4-5 women with ensemble

Audition dates: May 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> at the United Church

Performance dates: July 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> at Big Rapids High School

Seymour Krelborn is a meek and dejected assistant at a floral shop who happens upon a strange plant, which he affectionately names “Audrey II” after his crush at the shop. Little does he know that this strange and unusual plant will develop a soulful R&B voice, a potty mouth, and an unquenchable thirst for human blood. As Audrey II grows bigger and meaner, the carnivorous plant promises limitless fame and fortune to Seymour, as long as he continues providing a fresh supply of blood. Just when it’s too late, Seymour discovers Audrey II’s extra-terrestrial origins and his true drive for world-domination.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

We would like to welcome the new Executive Board of STAGE-M!

Chair – Aaron Wilkinson

Past Chair – Gordon Mallett

Vice Chair – Laura Taylor

Secretary – Emily Aslakson

Treasurer – Philip Himebaugh

Members at Large – Chris Lamar, Sarah Kirby, Lisa Bondarenko

*Thank you to the previous Executive Board for their service!*

**After the January 2019 newsletter, newsletters will no longer be monthly, and will be mailed quarterly. Please check the STAGE-M website, [stage-m.org](http://stage-m.org), for the most current information regarding auditions, performances, and opportunities with STAGE-M.**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Remember, the month of February is the Festival of the Arts (FOTA)! There will be multiple exhibits, performances, and classes at various locations throughout the entire month. Be sure to check out these theatrical events for FOTA:**

February 1, 7:30 PM at Big Rapids High School – Us and Them

February 2, 2:30 PM at Big Rapids High School – Us and Them

February 7, 7 PM at Three Girls Bakery – Love, Loss, and What I Wore

February 8, 7 PM at Blue Cow Restaurant – Love, Loss, and What I Wore

February 9, 7 PM at Red Fox Market – Love, Loss, and What I Wore

February 12, 7 PM at Immanuel Lutheran – Dad Theatre: The Mikado

February 13, 7 PM at Immanuel Lutheran – Dad Theatre: The Mikado

February 13, 7 PM at Antlers – Love, Loss, and What I Wore

February 22, 7 PM at Big Rapids Middle School – The Wizard of Oz

February 23, 2 PM at Big Rapids Middle School – The Wizard of Oz

February 26-28, 7 PM at City Hall – American History Abridged

## GOOD NEWS



**Congratulations to STAGE-M's Past Chair, Gordon Mallett, on winning the Pioneer's 2018 Citizen of the Year Award!**

Pictured:

*Gordon Mallett presents Diana Long with donations for Project Starburst from funds raised at "The Nutcracker: A Play".*

## THANK YOU

STAGE-M would like to thank our sponsors: Premier Auto, Chemical Bank, Bob & Mary Clark, Barbara & Stephen Ross, Ralph & Kay Crew, Gunder Myran, Biller Insurance, Fullmer & Sons, Sunny 97.3, B103.9, General Dentistry, Cargill, Sawmill Saloon, Big Rapids Radio Network, Baker Management, West Michigan Credit Union, Lake Osceola State Bank, and The Blue Cow Restaurant. Thank you for enriching our community with the arts through your continued and generous support.

## SPOTLIGHT

Born and raised in Big Rapids, Aaron Wilkinson has been involved in the Big Rapids theatre community for over a decade. He started as an actor in STAGE-M's *A Christmas Story* playing the role of Schwartz. Since then, he has worked as a technician, designer, and a manager on over 35 productions in Big Rapids. Aaron was our youngest director when he presented *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* in 2014. He has gone on to direct seven productions in the area including *Mary Poppins*, *Doubt*, *Sherlock Holmes*, *Cabaret*, and *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, which he co-directed with Laura Taylor. Aaron is our recently elected Chair for the Executive Board. He serves on several committees, including a small group dedicated to revitalizing and modernizing the STAGE-M bylaws, and serves as the Social Media Coordinator and Digital Administrator for the organization.





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**2018 – 2019 Season**

Agatha Christie's "The Hollow"

April 4-7 at Crossroads Charter Academy

*Little Shop of Horrors*

July 25-28 at Big Rapids High School