

## **This week's reviews**

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### **The Little Shop of Horrors, Shinfield Players Theatre**

This delightful send-up by Shinfield Players Theatre, revealed that life was never the same in Mushnik's downtown flower shop in New York after a shop assistant discovered a new exotic plant with a craving for human blood!

Tim Beavan was outstanding as the naive Seymour, capturing all the emotions the plot demanded, ably supported by Becky Dewey as Audrey, the girl he admired from a distance and Joff Hamilton, the bumbling flower shop owner. The masochistic dentist Orin (Sam Kozlowski) fully deserved to be the plant's first victim!

The singing trio The Ronnettes (Alexandra Willis, Wendy Evans and Sue Fielding) narrated the story-line with other members filling the many cameo roles. The star of the show, however, was undoubtedly Audrey - the plant - manipulated by the unseen Derek Lockwood and voiced by Steve Crompton.

Choreographer Hanna Spiers, musical director Mark Ward and director Matt Hart certainly got the best out of their talented cast.