

Crystal – Grace Inskip

Previously with Tip Top Grace has played Morales in *A Chorus Line* and, more recently, the Fairy in the company's pantomime, *Dick Whittington*. Grace has trained professionally in dance, drama and musical theatre at Phil Winston's Theatreworks and then went on to be part of the entertainments team at Nidd Hall Hotel in Harrogate. Grace is delighted to be playing the part of Crystal in *Little Shop of Horrors* as it is one of her favourite shows but, more importantly, she is very happy to be performing with Tip Top again.

Chiffon - Laura Roberts

Laura trained in musical theatre at Phil Winston's Theatreworks. Amateur work includes Annie "Annie", Lola in *Copacabana*, Narrator in *Joseph*, Eponine in *Les Miserables* and Peggy Sawyer in *42nd Street*. Professional work includes *Joseph* (various theatres throughout the northwest) *Evita* (Liverpool Empire Theatre), *Wind in the Willows* (Theatre Royal, St Helens) and pantomimes (Crewe Lyceum Theatre).

Ronnette – Clare Thompson

Wirral mezzo Clare has been on the stage in various roles including Nancy in *Oliver*, Katisha in *The Mikado*, Maggie Jones in *42nd Street* & *Carmen*. This is her third time with Tip Top and she is hoping that after overpowering the wicked witch of the west she can find a spell to help her remember her dance moves for *Little Shop!* In her spare time Clare is Head of Music at Upton High School.

Production Team

Director & Musical Director

Simon Phillips

Choreographer

Charlotte Elverstone

DSM, Production Asst. & Head Chaperone

Janice Craine

Costume & Props - **Sheila Roberts & Fiona McSween**

Sound - **Will Stokes**

Lights - **Ian Jones & Paul White**

Set - **Selfree Projects Ltd.**

Plants - **The Really Youthful Company**

Band

Keyboard - **Simon Phillips**

Keyboard - **Tim Jones**

Reed 1 - **Gordon Macey**

Reed 2 - **Caroline Morris**

Trumpet - **Danny Ortiz / Joe Bentley**

Guitars, Mandolin & Banjo - **David Burton**

Bass Guitar, Violin & Viola - **Josie Forsey**

Drums - **Liam Hardwick**

Orin & others – Andy Jordan

Andy has worked with Tip Top since 2008 when he played Judd in *Bouncers*. He has since appeared in *Art* (Yvan); *Kafka's Dick* (Franz Kafka); *Hold Tight, it's 60's Night* (Voicebox); *The Wizard of Oz* (Scarecrow) and *Doubt* (Father Brendan Flynn). Andy has not visited a dentist in over 28 years. The reasons for this may become apparent as you watch his performance.

Seymour – John Tetlow

This is John's first Tip Top Production. He has been singing and acting since the age of 9; which was also around the time that he first saw the 1986 film version of *Little Shop of Horrors*. Since then he has wanted to play the role of Seymour, and is delighted to finally have the opportunity! Previous roles include: Billy Crocker in *Anything Goes*, Cornelius Hackl in *Hello, Dolly!* and Peter in *Jesus Christ Superstar* with Birkenhead Operatic Society Trust.

Audrey – Becki Sheppard

Little Shop of Horrors is Becki's fourth production with Tip Top and she is excited about being able to show a more vulnerable side to her performance skills. Currently a cabaret vocalist and lead singer for local band 'Trigger Fingers', Becki has previously performed in a variety of stage productions including *Oliver*, *Annie*, *A Chorus Line*, *The Wiz* and *Carousel*.

Mr. Mushnik – Bill Robertson

Bill returned to Tip Top at the end of last season, after playing Dr. Prospero in *Return to the Forbidden Planet* some years ago, by kicking off in *Up 'n' Under*. He played John in *Oleanna*, while simultaneously touring schools in a production of *Sleeping Beauty*. Bill trained as a professional actor at Drama Studio London and has appeared on TV (*Taggart*) and Film (*In the Name of the Father*) as well as taking numerous professional and non-professional stage roles.

Also at the Forum Studio Theatre

Audrey 2 (Voice) – Tony Prince

This is Tony's third appearance with Tip Top and he is delighted to be playing the principle role of Audrey 2 (The Voice) in one of his favourite musicals. He enjoys being a character actor; most recently his roles include Pontius Pilate in *Jesus Christ Superstar* (BOST - 2010), Abanazar in *Aladdin* and Fagin in *Oliver* (twice!) He has also appeared twice in pantomime alongside Jim Davidson.

Audrey 2 (Puppeteer) – Rob Stevens

Rob trained in Theatre & Dance at Salford University and has worked in Disneyland Paris for two summer seasons as a dancer & performer in their daily parades & shows. Locally Rob is involved with many groups and has normally got at least 2 or 3 shows on the go! After *Little Shop*, Rob will be getting ready to direct Tip Top Productions' production of *Jesus Christ Superstar* at Clwyd Theatr Cymru in June.

"Little Shop" Chorus

Luke Aldous, Lyndsay Hardwick, Alex Hunt, Jenny Kilner, Fiona MacSween, George Price, Emily Quirk & Kieran Roberts

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