

Comedy-horror musical to usher in Halloween

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To help Eastern get into the Halloween spirit, the latest musical presented by the theatre arts department will be "Little Shop of Horrors."

Morgan Reidy, a junior theatre arts major and actress in the musical, said the crowd could look forward to an interesting show and storyline.

Reidy said there is one actor who will be playing the role of six different characters in the musical, and there is a scene where he will have to portray

three of those characters in one song.

She also said the presentation "Little Shop of Horrors" would differ from last year's presentation of "Almost Maine." She said the musical is less serious and more comedic.

"It's fun and goofy," she said. "It adds humor to everyday life."

Reidy said the musical would differ in personal difficulty.

"It's been intense and productive," Reidy said.

Reidy said practicing and portraying the role of Marvelette, a background singer in the musical, has taken a toll on her vocals.

"It's more difficult because there is singing involved," she said, "It's very vocally intense."

People in attendance can look forward to a rock and roll musical production with 20 songs with hints of doo-wop and early Motown styled music, Reidy said.

The musical originated from Roger Corman's 1960s film musical. Howard Ashmen created a Broadway musical of the film in 1982 with music by Alan Menken. Ashmen re-created the musical into film form again in 1986. The 1986 film featured actor, Rick Moranis who played Sey-

more Krelborn.

The character of Seymour Krelborn is a worker in a floral shop who plants and raises a human blood and flesh eating plant.

Reidy added the rehearsal hours can last up to three hours, but the cast members are able to connect and get a feel for everyone's role and not just theirs.

"(Rehearsal) helps keep the cast together as a family, so the cast can get know each others role," she said.

The comedy-horror musical is a team-up of the theatre arts department and the music department.

"The Little Shop of Horrors" will have five showings from Oct. 23rd until Oct. 27th in the Theatre of the Doudna Fine Arts Center. Admission for students is \$5, Eastern employee's admission is \$10 and general admission is \$12.

Reidy said students that attends the musical will enjoy it

"Students can look forward to a strange plot and fun songs that will tick in your head," she said.

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