



BLP 'BEAUTY & THE BEAST JR' AUDITION PACKET

BLP is *thrilled* to bring the magic of Beauty & The Beast to our stage in spectacular fashion. Step into the enchanted world of Broadway's modern classic, *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*, an international sensation that played a remarkable 13-year run on Broadway and has been produced in 37 countries worldwide. Based on the Academy Award-winning animated feature, the stage version includes all of the wonderful songs written by Alan Menken and the late Howard Ashman, along with new songs by Mr. Menken and Tim Rice. The original Broadway production ran for over thirteen years and was nominated for nine Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

The classic story tells of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed into his former self. But time is running out. If the Beast does not learn his lesson soon, he and his household will be doomed for all eternity.

This "tale as old as time" is filled with spectacular costume and set opportunities or, even more simply staged, *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* offers a great opportunity to bring your entire community together for family theatre at its best.

OUR FALL PROGRAMMING WILL TEACH THE THEATRICAL PROCESS THROUGH PRODUCTION. THIS PROGRAM WILL CULMINATE IN A PRODUCTION OF THE MAGICAL AND BELOVED MUSICAL COMEDY 'BEAUTY & THE BEAST JR'. THIS PROGRAM WILL BE OPEN TO STUDENTS IN GRADES 5 THROUGH SENIORS IN HIGH SCHOOL AS OF SEPTEMBER '20.

PLEASE NOTE: THIS PRODUCTION IS BEING CREATIVELY DESIGNED TO ADHERE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING WITH MASKS WORN. WE ARE RESTRUCTURING HOW WE NORMALLY DO THINGS WITH OUR STUDENTS, BUT PROMISE A THEATRICAL AND EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE THAT WILL BE FUN AND CHALLENGING FOR ALL. THESE SHOWS WERE SPECIFICALLY CHOSEN BECAUSE OF OUR ABILITY TO DESIGN AN EXPERIENCE THAT

WILL BE MEANINGFUL BUT SAFE.

SOME CHANGES TO OUR PROGRAMMING:

- ALL MUSIC REHEARSALS WILL BE CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM AND WILL BE AN AT HOME EXPERIENCE.
- WE WILL BE FOLLOWING BLP'S NEW SAFETY PROTOCOLS (ATTACHED HERE)
- WE WILL CAP THIS PRODUCTION AT 17 STUDENTS. ONCE FULL WE WILL MAINTAIN A WAITING LIST. IF THE WAITING LIST PASSES TEN WE WILL ADD A SECOND CAST.
- ALL STUDENTS WILL BE ASKED TO SIGN A LIABILITY RELEASE FORM.

WE WILL BE HOLDING VIRTUAL AUDITIONS FOR 'BEAUTY & THE BEAST JR'. YOU WILL BE ASKED TO SUBMIT AN **INITIAL AUDITION VIDEO DUE BY NOVEMBER 3RD**. THE PRODUCTION TEAM WILL REVIEW IT AND WILL THEN GET ANY NEEDED CALLBACK MATERIALS TO YOU.

INITIAL AUDITIONS- WHAT TO PREPARE:

VOCAL- PLEASE PREPARE A VIDEO OF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING, WHICHEVER YOU FEEL SHOWS OFF YOUR TALENTS BEST. BE SURE TO CONVEY YOUR ACTING WITH YOUR SINGING AS THIS WILL ALSO COUNT AS PART OF YOUR ACTING AUDITION. IN THE VIDEO YOU SEND PLEASE SING WITH THE ACCOMPANIMENT TRACK, WE HAVE INCLUDED THE VOCAL TRACK FOR YOU TO PRACTICE WITH. PLEASE SUBMIT TO PRODUCTION@BROKENLEGPRODUCTIONS.COM

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CALLBACKS:

We will likely look at selections from the following for callbacks. Once we review your audition video, we will send out what we need from you specifically for callbacks along with sheet music and backing tracks. We'll also give you a deadline for when we need your callback video by. We may try to use Zoom for some Callback scenework.

<p>BELLE- HOME MRS. POTTS- BEAUTY AND THE BEAST LEFOU- GASTON</p>	<p>GASTON- BELLE BEAST- SOMETHING THERE LUMIERE/ COGSWORTH/ BABETTE/ CHIP- HUMAN AGAIN</p>
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ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE REACH OUT TO US ANYTIME AT PRODUCTION@BROKENLEGPRODUCTIONS.COM

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN

AT BLP WE ARE COMMITTED TO INCLUSIVITY AND ARE HAPPY TO CONSIDER ANY GENDER, RACE, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, ETC FOR ANY ROLE IN THIS PRODUCTION. WE ARE VERY OPEN TO NON-TRADITIONAL CASTING IN ANY ROLE. ALL OF THE CAST WILL FIND THEMSELVES IN EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER OPPORTUNITIES WORTHY OF EXPLORATION.

Narrator- The storyteller. Guides us through the show. Excellent projection and storytelling skills are a must for this pivotal role.

Belle- A vibrant, intelligent girl with beauty, who wants more out of the life than an ordinary existence. She is optimistic, fun-loving, caring, and eager to experience life.

Beast- A Prince transformed into a terrifying beast for his lack of compassion. He is hot-tempered and commanding, but has a warm, loving heart buried far beneath his gruff exterior.

Gaston- The egotistical, ultra-masculine villain determined to marry Belle. He is manipulative yet charming and earnest.

Maurice- Belle's loving, eccentric father. A child at heart and inventor in his own world.

Cogsworth- A tightly-wound, enchanted mantle clock and the head of the Beast's household. He is uptight, strict, and punctual but also hard-working, faithful, and thorough.

Mrs. Potts- A warm-hearted, maternal enchanted teapot. She is loyal, caring, and playful.

Lumiere- A suave, debonair enchanted candelabra. He is a loyal and steadfast servant.

Chip- An enchanted teacup and Mrs. Potts' darling little boy. He is innocent, playful, and bright-eyed.

Babette- A saucy, enchanted feather-duster, and the object of Lumiere's affections. She is the playful, gorgeous, seductive French maid.

Madame De La Grande Bouche- A former opera diva-turned-enchanted wardrobe. She has a caring, refined, larger than life personality.

Lefou- Gaston's bumbling sidekick. He is loyal, energetic, and optimistic, but not quite the brightest guy.

Monsieur D'arque- The scheming proprietor of the local insane asylum. He is a dark, sinister villain who aides Gaston in his plot to marry Belle.

Servants- The Servants of the castle can include Statues, a Dust Pan, Flatware, Plates, an Egg Timer, Napkins, a Carpet, Salt & Pepper Shakers and any other household (or castle hold items) you and your cast can imagine.

Villagers- The Villagers are the inhabitants of Belle s town. There are some featured solos and lines that will come from this ensemble (Bookseller, Baker, etc.).

Full synopsis available at mtishows.com