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99TH STREET SUMMER THEATRE FESTIVAL TO PRESENT

DISNEY’S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

The 99th Street Summer Theatre Festival will present “Disney’s Beauty and the Beast” on July 9, 10, and 11 at 8:00 p.m. in the Mother McAuley Auditorium, 3737 W. 99th Street, Chicago. The 99th Street Summer Theatre Festival has been a hub for theatre activity on the Southside of Chicago for 31 years.

“Disney’s Beauty and the Beast” tells the well-known tale of the young girl, Belle, who dreams of adventure outside her “provincial life.” When her father is faced with imprisonment by the surly, but misunderstood Beast, Belle offers her life in the place of her father’s. As Belle adjusts to life in an enchanted castle, she learns about herself and teaches the Beast a thing or two. This love story has delighted children and adults for years and now takes the stage on 99th Street. The show includes all of your favorites songs from the movie including “Be Our Guest,” “Belle,” and “Beauty and the Beast,” as well as some hits found only from the show’s 13 year run on Broadway including, “Home” and “If I Can’t Love Her.”

“Disney’s Beauty and the Beast” features a talented and energetic cast from all over the Southland region including **Tony Levine** as the Beast, **Andrea Collier** (Palos) as Belle, **Brian Rigg** (Orland Park) as Maurice, **Donald Fitzgibbons** (Evergreen Park) as Gaston, and **Alonso Chavano** as LeFou. As everyone’s favorite singing, dancing inanimate objects are **Noah Pligge** (Franklin Park) as the candelabra Lumiere; **Andy Lambros** (Chicago) as the temperamental clock Cogsworth; **Margaret Hayes** (Oak

Lawn) as the motherly tea pot Mrs. Potts; **Caitlin Taff** (Mt. Greenwood) as Mrs. Pott's tea cup son Chip and **Terese Pikula** (Orland Park) as the sassy feather duster Babette.

Complete with dancing table settings, the china cabinet includes the dancing talents of Sarah Menke, Tornu Ngwayah, Louis B. Edano, Maggie Omastiak, Sam Malone, Shelby Critchet, Aimee Jarzembowski, Annie Leahy, Aoife Rosso, Armi Grace Cortes, Clare Nawrocki, Holly Carmody, Kaitlyn Richards, Aishling Pembroke, Devan Distledorf, Elise Harrigan, Julie Tucker, Kelly Bartusiak, Lauren Sheely, Cara Walsh, Fiona Lane, Haley Kich, Hannah Gibbs, Hope Salman, Megan Lavelle, Shelby Wisniewski, and Genevieve Predergast. Gaston is followed by the doting group of Silly Girls played by Diane Haberkorn, Jordan Roulo, Katie Norton, Mary Kelly, Maura Stanton and Rachel Page. Menacing wolves add to the dramatic tale, with Aitor Gonzalez, Nick Shine, Pete Grundas, Nick Scully, Tom Moster, and Tony Collier. The talented little town is made complete with the voices of Rick Salazar, Julie Schuberth, Chris Ward, Hannah Hayes, Chris Norton, Tim Jones, Sarah Bednarski, Emily Rahman, Kyle Kempczynski, Angel Idowu, Anitra Hutcherson, Becky Finn, Bob Schuberth, Brandon Pickett, Brett Krivich, Brian Fitzgibbons, Brian Walsh, Claire Ryan, Eileen Torpy, Helen Mlynarski, James Radomski, Jim Egan, Joanna Ziarko, John Bryar, John Williamson, Julian Rojas, Julie Burns, Katherine Houze, Katherine Williams, Kathie VanPuyenbroeck, Kathleen McGrath, Katie Kyler, Kevin Newberry, Leo Allen, Mark Nakayama, Matthew Storino, Michael Moroz, Nicole Muffitt, Nora Heiderscheidt, Sean Williams, Walt Sabbath and Joe Rocasalva as D'Arque.

The 99th Street Summer Theatre Festival production is directed by Patricia Haynes. This show's lively choreography is by Marci Caliendo and Michael Gutrich, with musical direction by Stacey Cunningham. The set design is under the supervision of Bridget Thomas, advised by Donna Rose Thomas and lighting designed by Colleen Thomas.

The 99th Street Summer Theatre Kids Kamp will present the children's productions of "101 Dalmatians" and "Willy Wonka" on July 10th and 11th at 10:30 am and noon. The Festival's second show "Little Women: The Musical" will be presented on July 23, 24, and 25.

Tickets to “Disney’s Beauty and the Beast” and “Little Women: The Musical” (\$16 adults, \$14 senior citizens, \$12 children) may be purchased by phone at 773-881-6512 with a Visa or MasterCard or in person at the Mother McAuley Auditorium. For information on individual or group ticket sales call 773-881-6512.