# Audition

## Packet

## Disnep's BEAUTY AND THE BEASS

#### When are the auditions?

Auditions begin Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> and end on Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. You must sign up for a day and time on the bulletin board outside Mr. Foust's room.

#### What do I have to do?

1. Practice the music and scripts in this packet.

2. Come to the optional audition rehearsals on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> if you want more practice learning the songs.

- 3. Sign up for an audition
- 4. Have fun and try out!

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## **Audition Information**

#### **Audition Procedure**

During the audition, you must:

- Sing ONE of the solos listed for guys and girls. Girls choose between "Home" or "Beauty and the Beast." Guys choose between "Kill the Beast" and "Be Our Guest." Pick whichever song is easiest for your voice.
- Act out BOTH of the scenes included in this packet (Pages 9-10). You do not need to memorize the script, but you should be prepared to act as any of the speaking characters on those pages.

#### Audition scoring

Your audition will be scored like this:

Singing	Acting
Did you sing the right notes?	Did you read the correct words off the script, and were they loud enough?
Did you sing the right words, and were they understandable? Did you change your face and your voice to sing the song like the character would?	Did you change your voice to match what the character is feeling? Did you move your body to match what the character would do?

#### **Getting Extra Help**

There are two ways you can get extra help to learn the music. You can attend the optional practices on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>. You can also hear the songs (both with singing and just orchestra) by downloading the .mp3 files off www.parksidemusic.net, OR you can find the .mp3 files on a computer here at school in the Share folder under /Musical, OR you can buy a CD with the music on it from Mr. Foust for \$1.00.

#### Frequently Asked Audition Questions

Do I have to have to sing in my audition? What if I just want a speaking role?

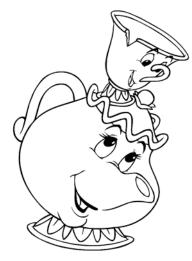
YES. Every role in Beauty and the Beast will have to at least sing with the ensemble.

Can I audition with my friend?

Yes and No. You will see two name slots for each time. You will read your script section of the audition with the other person (if your friend signs up in the other slot, that's who it will be). **However, you must sing by yourself.** 

Can I do stage crew if I don't make the show?

Absolutely! Fill out a Stage Crew Application. If you don't make the performing cast, you'll be automatically considered for the stage crew.



## **Other Important Information**

#### Field Trip to a Chicago Musical!

Parkside students have an amazing opportunity to see the Broadway musical *Les Miserables* in Chicago on Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. The trip includes a balcony seat at the Cadillac Palace Theatre, a charter bus ride to and from Chicago, and a possible Q&A session with actors after the show. The cost for each parent and chaperone is \$38.00. Forms must be turned in by Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> and money will be due by Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

If more students sign up than can be accommodated on the bus, <u>preference will be given to students</u> <u>who auditioned for the musical.</u>

#### **Rehearsal Dates**

Being in the musical requires a commitment to attend all rehearsals. Only one excused absence will be given, and absolutely no rehearsals can missed in April. Here is the preliminary list of rehearsals:

Lead Characters		Ancillary Characters			Ensemble		
(Belle, Gaston, Beast, Potts, Lumiere, Cogsworth, Lafeu)			Mrs. Potts, Chip, Maurice, Narrators, Bouche, Silly Girls, Section Leaders, Babette, Monsieur D'Arque			Chorus, Cookware, Villagers	
All Cast Meeting 1/13/11		All Cast Meeting 1/13/11		All Cast Meeting 1/13/11			
Tues 1/25	Thurs 1/27					Thurs 2/17	
Tues 2/1	Tues 2/8	Sat 2/12			Sat 2/12	Thurs 2/24	Sat 2/26
Tues 2/15	Thurs 2/17		Tues 2/15	Thurs 2/17		Thurs 3/3	Sat 3/5
Tues 2/22	Thurs 2/24	Sat 2/26		Thurs 2/24	Sat 2/26	Thurs 3/17	
Tues 3/1	Thurs 3/3	Sat 3/5		Thurs 3/3	Sat 3/5	Thurs 3/24	Sat 3/26
Tues 3/15	Thurs 3/17		Tues 3/15	Thurs 3/17		Thurs 3/31	Sat 4/2
Tues 3/22	Thurs 3/24	Sat 3/26	Tues 3/22	Thurs 3/24	Sat 3/26	Mon 4/4	Tues 4/5
Tues 3/29	Thurs 3/31	Sat 4/2	Tues 3/29	Thurs 3/31	Sat 4/2	Thurs 4/7	Fri 4/8
Mon 4/4	Tues 4/5		Mon 4/4	Tues 4/5		Sat 4/9	
Thurs 4/7	Fri 4/8	Sat 4/9	Thurs 4/7	Fri 4/8	Sat 4/9		

## List of Characters

<u>Belle</u> - A bookish young woman who falls in love with the Beast and finds the kind-hearted human inside him.

<u>The Beast</u> - A cold-hearted prince transformed into a beast as punishment for his selfishness, but later warms, with the help of Belle, and ends up being transformed back into a handsome prince as a reward.

<u>Gaston</u> - A highly egotistical hunter who vies for Belle's hand in marriage and is determined not to let anyone else win her heart, even if it means killing her true love.

<u>Lumière</u> - The kind-hearted but rebellious maître d' of the Beast's castle, he has been transformed into a candelabra. He has a habit of disobeying his master's strict rules, sometimes causing tension between them, but the Beast often turns to him for advice, and he is arguably the Beast's closest friend after Belle.

<u>Mrs. Potts</u> - The head of the castle kitchens, turned into a teapot, who takes a motherly attitude toward Belle.

<u>Cogsworth</u> - The castle majordomo and Lumiere's best friend, transformed into a clock. While he is as good-natured as Lumiere, he is extremely loyal to the Beast so as to save himself and anyone else any trouble, often leading to friction between himself and Lumiere.

Chip - A teacup and Mrs. Potts' son.

LeFou - Gaston's bumbling and often mistreated sidekick.

Maurice - Belle's inventor father.

<u>The Narrators</u> - two people who tell parts of the story for the audience, including the how the Prince was turned into the Beast, and Belle's attack by the wolves.

<u>Madame de la Grande Bouche</u> - The castle's authority over fashion, and a former opera singer, turned into a wardrobe.

Babette - A featherduster and Lumiere's girlfriend.

Silly Girls - Thee ditsy village girls with her eyes on Gaston.

<u>Monsieur D'Arque</u> - The owner of the Maison de Lune. Gaston bribes him to help him in his plan to blackmail Belle.









### Audition Script: Scene #1

#### BELLE

*(reading)* "Then, for the third time, Arthur drew forth the sword..."

#### BEAST

So that must mean that he's the king!

Wait and see.

(excited)

#### BEAST

BELLE

(shakes his head with wonder) I never knew books could do that.

#### BELLE

Do what?

#### BEAST

Take me away from this place and make me forget... for a little while.

#### BELLE

Forget?

#### BEAST

Who I... (correcting himself) ... what I am.

(BELLE looks at the BEAST. He has touched her heart. LUMIERE enters and watches them from afar.)

BELLE

We have something in common, you know.

#### BEAST

What?

#### BELLE

In the town where I come from, the people think I'm odd.

#### BEAST

You?

#### BELLE

So I know how it feels to be... different. And I know how lonely that can be.



### Audition Script: Scene #2

#### GASTON

Poor Belle. It's a shame about your father.

#### BELLE

Gaston, you know he's not crazy!

GASTON I might be able to clear up this little misunderstanding if...

#### BELLE

If what?

#### GASTON

If you'll marry me!

#### BELLE

What?!?

#### GASTON

BELLE

One little word, Belle... that's all it takes...

#### Never!

#### GASTON

Have it your way! (to MONSIEUR D'ARQUE) Take the old man!

(Two VILLAGERS grab MAURICE.)

#### BELLE

Wait! I can prove my father's not crazy! (pulls out the Magic Mirror) Show me the Beast!

(The image of the Beast appears in the Magic Mirror.)

#### MAURICE

That's him! That's him!

(The VILLAGERS gasp, terrified.)

#### A MOTHER

Is he dangerous?

#### BELLE

Oh no, he'd never hurt anyone. I know he looks frightful... but he's really kind and gentle. He's my friend.

#### GASTON

If I didn't know better, I'd say you have feelings for this monster.

#### BELLE

He's not the monster, Gaston! You are!

## Audition Form

Complete to the best of your knowledge, and give to Mr. Foust at your audition:

Name:					
Home Phone:	Parent Email:				
Mother's name:	Father's name:				
Age: Grade:	Homeroom: Height:				
Roles I am especially interested in:					
Would you accept any role?	No				
If no, what roles will you <u>not</u> accept?					
	rmation, most recent first (Show, Roles, Place, Year):				
List any special talents (juggling, gymnastics, dance training, accents, etc.):					
Check the Rehearsal dates on page 3. Pl as school activities (ie. band, shows, spor	ease explain <b>any possible conflicts</b> with rehearsals such ts), vacations, other:				

#### **Audition Score**

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Singing						Notes
Note accuracy		1	2	3		
Words: Diction / Inflection		1	2	3		
Facial/Body Expression		1	2	3		
Overall Performance	1	2	3	4	5	
Acting						
Script reading		1	2	3		Notes
Vocal inflection/use		1	2	3		
Facial/Body Expression		1	2	3		

Notes

Overall Performance 1 2 3 4 5