

press release

Disney's Beauty and the Beast

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"Be our guest" for Disney's best-loved musical fairy tale, based on the Academy Award®-winning film with a lilting Broadway score!

Building on the record-breaking success of last season, *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* invites audiences on another enchanted journey in a heartfelt holiday tale sure to charm audiences of all ages.

Bookish Belle finds herself a prisoner in the castle of a lonely Beast, but with the help of Lumiere, Cogsworth and Mrs. Potts, the two form a fragile friendship as this "tale as old as time" begins again.

Lead by returning guest director and Broadway veteran Kirk Mouser, the stellar cast includes such favorites as Kristi L. Foster as Mrs. Potts and James Wesley Peppers as Cogsworth (both of NWCT's fall smash hit *HONK!*). Corey Brunish appears again as the saucy candlestick Lumiere, Sherilyn Lawson returns as the French feather duster Babette, Adam Davis is the villain Gaston, and ingénue Alina Ziak-Briones makes her NWCT debut as the beautiful Belle. And finally, Portland's own Isaac Lamb, nationally known for his one-man touring show *Defending the Caveman* (and who won a Portland Drammy award as last year's Gaston) roars onto the NWCT stage as the indomitable Beast.

NWCT students Caroline Haroldson and Annabel Cantor share the role of the precocious Chip, alongside fourteen talented (and mostly teen!) ensemble members, many of whom train at NWCT's prestigious theater school. With trademark

inspiration, human characters become household objects, serving up holiday magic with every song.

Costumes transforming townfolks into teapots and timepieces are by NWCT costumer Mary Rochon. Lighting design by Jeff Forbes sparkles with enchantment, and William Tripp's spectacular scenic design moves seamlessly from forest to provincial town, to the haunting majesty of an enchanted castle. Portland Drammy Award-winning sound designer and nationally-recognized composer Rodolfo Ortega is musical director for this epic tale, with choreography by last year's Lefou, Joey Klei.

Disney's Beauty and the Beast plays November 30-December 30 and is enjoyed by audiences of all ages*. For tickets, call 503-222-4480 or visit www.nwcts.org.

"Be our guest" for NWCT special events! Family Date Night, a family-style dinner catered by Elephant's Deli is Friday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. Grandparent's Day offers \$2 off tickets for both performances on Saturday, December 1. Call the NWCT box office for more information.

Disney's Beauty and the Beast is presented by KeyBank. Other partners include K103, The Collins Foundation and Regional Arts and Culture Council—Work for Art. More than 4,000 school children will join the Beast, Belle and the rest for ten school matinees. *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International.

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Special holiday matinees Dec. 20, 24, 26 & 27 at 2 p.m.

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Isaac Lamb (Beast) and Alina Ziak-Briones (Belle) in Northwest Children's Theater and School's production of *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*.

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James Wesley Peppers (Cogsworth) in Northwest Children's Theater and School's production of *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*.

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Alina Ziak-Briones (Belle) in Northwest Children's Theater and School's production of *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*.

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Isaac Lamb (Beast) in Northwest Children's Theater and School's production of *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*.

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Corey Brunish (Lumiere) and Isaac Lamb (Beast) in Northwest Children's Theater and School's production of *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*.

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from left-right: Patricia Price-Yates (Mdm. Grande Bouch/Wardrobe), James Wesley Peppers (Cogsworth), Alina Ziak-Briones (Belle), Corey Brunish (Lumiere), Sherilyn Lawson (Babette), and Kristi L. Foster (Mrs. Potts) in Northwest Children's Theater and School's production of *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*.

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