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AUDITIONS FOR



****Open to all Students 6th-12th Grades****

**Deadline to Register/Audition
May 4, 2024**

**Beauty & the Beast, Jr Audition & Casting Workshop
May 11 from 1:00 – 4:00 PM**

Beauty & the Beast, Jr.
is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.
www.mtishows.com

General Information

Thank you so much for your interest in Irving Youth Theatre's production of ***Beauty and the Beast, Jr!***

Based on the original Broadway production that ran for over thirteen years and was nominated for nine Tony Awards, and the Academy Award-winning motion picture, *Disney's Beauty and the Beast JR.* is a fantastic adaptation of the story of transformation and tolerance. *Disney's Beauty and the Beast JR.* features some of the most popular songs ever written by Alan Menken and the late Howard Ashman, along with new songs by Mr. Menken and Tim Rice.

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 to 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.

**Visit the Irving Youth Theatre Audition website page
for audition forms, resources, audio files, etc.**

Auditions

Each performer must submit a **1-minute song selection** by video. The song selection should be the musical style of *Beauty & the Beast, Jr.* The song may be from *Beauty & the Beast, Jr.* but it is usually not best practice to perform a song or monologue from the show for which you are auditioning.

Additionally, each performer is asked to submit a short **1-minute monologue** by video. The monologue should be similar in style to the role for which the youth is auditioning.

Audition Video submissions will be due Saturday, May 4th by 11:59 PM More info on "HOW TO" on page 3

Those interested in a being a part of *B&B, Jr* will need to attend a workshop on **Saturday May 11, 2024, from 1:00 – 4:00 PM** at the Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (2505 W. Northgate Dr. Irving, TX 75062)

Performance Dates:

Friday, October 11 and Saturday, October 12 @ 7 PM (an afternoon matinee may be added depending on ticket sales)

In any case... block out the week of October 6-12th for Tech Week and Performances.

Workshop/Audition

Directors will welcome tentative cast members to the Workshop/Audition on Saturday, May 11, 2024. This will be an audition where tentative cast members will sing and read lines together and the directors will determine who the lead cast members will be. We will be looking for energy and the chemistry between performers and determining who would be the best fit for each role. Directors will have already reviewed your audition videos (due May 4)

Be prepared to Sing, Act, and Dance during the Audition Workshop. Come dressed ready to move - dance shoes are not required, but wear shoes you are able to move in (no sandals, flipflops, Crocs, etc.)

In addition to the video submissions, each performer/parent must complete the Audition Google Form. **PARENTS must complete the Permission Google Form in order for each youth to participate in the performances.**

Show Fee

\$30 Show Fee due by June 1st

<https://www.onthestage.tickets/irving-youth-theatre/campaigns/beauty-and-the-beast-jr-scripts-3604>



Once the show is cast, costumes and rental fees will be discussed with each actor.

Rehearsals are tentatively scheduled throughout May through October, but not every weekend.

Saturday May 11	1:00 – 4:00 PM	B&B, Jr. Casting Workshop and Auditions
Saturday May 18	1:00 – 2:30 PM	B&B, Jr. Rehearsal
Saturday June 1	2:30 – 4:00 PM	B&B, Jr. Rehearsal
Saturday June 22	TBD	Rehearsal via Zoom
Saturday July 13	TBD	Rehearsal via Zoom

The Goal is to be OFF BOOK by the August Rehearsals!

Saturday, Aug 10	12:30-4:30 PM	B&B, Jr Rehearsal (at ORLC)
Saturday, Aug 17	12:30-4:30 PM	B&B, Jr Rehearsal (at ORLC)
Saturday, Aug 24	12:30-4:30 PM	B&B, Jr Rehearsal (at ORLC)
Saturday, Sep 7	12:30-4:30 PM	B&B, Jr Rehearsal (at ORLC)
Saturday, Sep 14	12:30-4:30 PM	B&B, Jr Rehearsal (at ORLC)
Saturday, Sep 21	12:30-4:30 PM	B&B, Jr Rehearsal (at ORLC)
Saturday, Sep 28	12:30-4:30 PM	B&B, Jr Rehearsal (at ORLC)

All of these rehearsals are at **Our Redeemer Lutheran Church** 2505 W. Northgate Drive, Irving, Texas 75062.

We will likely have a dress rehearsal performance at ORLC on October 6 (TBD)

Tech Week will be evenings (TBD) October 7-10 at the Dupree Theatre in the Irving Arts Center

Everyone has scheduling conflicts, however, if you are unable to commit to at least **90% of the rehearsals (1 or 2 absences will be excused)**, please consider auditioning for a future show.

Crews and Volunteers We are always in need of extra hands with costumes, publicity, concessions, spotlights, backstage help, and an assortment of other tasks! Please let us know if you, or anyone you know is interested in any of these positions. We will have a Sign-up Genius posted for volunteers soon!

Team Irving Youth Theatre - Production Staff for Beauty & the Beast, Jr.

PRODUCER- Dr. Lisa Hill

DIRECTOR & CHOREOGRAPHER - Michael Hill

COSTUMES – Dawn Burkholder

HOW TO PREPARE FOR YOUR AUDITION

Review the Audition Tips on the Irving Youth Theatre website prior to creating your audition videos!

Video Auditions - ALL interested youth must submit an audition video with their Audition Form (available on the Beauty and the Beast Audition website page) All performers **MUST** have completed **Permission forms prior to auditioning. Permission Forms may ONLY be submitted by a PARENT.** Only those wishing to perform will submit song and monologue videos. (Tech Crew will just select the Tech Crew box without video submissions.)

Video Guidelines Be sure to slate yourself (introduce yourself) at the beginning of each video. You will create and submit two separate videos for your audition, one for the song and one for the monologue. You will use the links located in the Audition Form for each video submission.

Be sure you have good lighting, no distractions in your video (no ceiling fans or pets), Film directly forward, not from up too high or too low. Show your personality with the song and monologue selections. Smile and have fun! **<Think Disney Magic!>**

Audition Materials Please prepare a memorized monologue (just one person speaking) that is 1 minute in length. You may choose the style of monologue (but it is always best to match the style of the character of the role you would prefer.) The monologue should not be from *Beauty & the Beast Jr.*

Please prepare a song selection that is 1 minute in length. You may choose any song (it may be from *Beauty & the Beast, Jr.*, but best practice is to choose a song in the style of the role you are auditioning for) and you should provide your own accompaniment track in your video. No *a cappella* performances please. It is also best to NOT sing along with other singers. You will submit this song audition video through the Audition Google Form. Visit the MTI show website to hear song selections from *Beauty and the Beast, Jr.* <https://www.mtishows.com/disneys-beauty-and-the-beast-jr>

Character Descriptions

Available at <https://www.mtishows.com/disneys-beauty-and-the-beast-jr>

Auditioning for Disney's Beauty And The Beast JR. can be a challenging experience. That's why we have prepared the following excerpts to help you get ready to "Break a leg." Each character has a breakdown, sides, and a small excerpt from the score with which to rehearse your audition.

Characters	Breakdown	Script	Score
Belle	View	View	View
Beast	View	View	View
Narrators	View	View	N/A
Old Beggar Woman/Enchantress	View	N/A	N/A
Gaston	View	View	View
Maurice	View	View	N/A
Lefou	View	View	View

Characters	Breakdown	Script	Score
Les Filles De La Ville	View	View	View
Lumiere	View	View	View
Cogsworth	View	View	View
Mrs. Potts	View	View	View
Chip	View	View	View
Madame De La Grande Bouche	View	View	View
Babette	View	View	View
Monsieur D'Arque	View	View	N/A
Servants	View	N/A	View
Villagers	View	N/A	View

You may also use the information from

<https://stageagent.com/shows/musical/17601/beauty-and-the-beast-jr/characters>

to help you prepare for your audition.