

Wootton Center for the Arts

Presents

Beauty and the Beast

Friday March 20, Saturday March 21, Friday March 27 and Saturday March 28 at 7:30 pm
Sunday March 22 and Sunday March 29 at 2:00 pm

Wootton High School, 2100 Wootton Parkway, Rockville, Maryland 20850

Step into the enchanted world of Broadway's modern classic! Based on the Academy-Award winning animated feature, the stage version of Disney's BEAUTY AND THE BEAST 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. In a lovely French provincial town, Maurice becomes lost in the woods on his way to the fair and seeks shelter in an old castle. The master of the castle is a horrible beast who takes Maurice captive. Maurice's daughter, Belle, must then give up her freedom to save his life. Belle tames the unfortunate Beast who, ultimately, is transformed back into a handsome prince. This "tale as old as time" enthralled Broadway audiences for over 13 years and represents family theatre at its best.

Directed by Mr. Adam Graham, Wootton's production features the talents of Jessica Futran as Belle, Aaron Gage as the Beast, Jonathan Helwig as Gaston, Josi Suslov as Mrs. Potts, Bryan Pike as LeFou, Alex Garretson as Maurice, Mattia D'Affuso as Lumiere, Fasil Gebeyehu as Cogsworth, Lauren Fagan as Babette, Stephanie Helwig as Madame Bouche, Spencer Wight as Darque, Dana Lipowsky as the Enchantress, Suzy Bobadilla, CeeCee Yao and Jenay McNeil as the Silly Girls, William Jeffreys as the Bookseller, Jack Stonesifer as the Baker, Matt Popkin as Gaston's Crony, and Jonathan Loewy as the Young Prince. The leads are well supported by a talented cast of forty-seven additional students. Vocal direction is provided by Ms. Carla Ingram with choreography by Mel Allard. Under the musical direction of Ms. Carolyn Herman, Wootton musicians will provide top-notch, live accompaniment.

Show times are: 7:30 pm on Friday, March 20, Saturday March 21, Friday, March 27 and Saturday, March 28; and 2:00 pm on Sunday, March 22 and Sunday, March 29. Tickets are \$10 for general admission seats and \$15 for reserved seats and can be purchased from the Wootton Box Office in the auditorium lobby from Monday, March 16th through Thursday, March 26th from 3-6 pm EXCEPT on show dates when the box office will be open only during the two hours prior to show time.

Tickets also may be ordered by mail. Order forms are available on the Wootton webpage: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/woottonhs/academics/art/B&BTicketOrder.pdf>

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