

New Bedford Festival Theatre shares “A Tale as Old as Time” with Disney’s “Beauty and the Beast”

New Bedford Festival Theatre and Executive Producer Wendy Hall have announced the casting for their production of Disney’s Beauty and the Beast which will be presented July 22-31, 2022 at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center at 684 Purchase Street New Bedford, MA.

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 into 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.

Leading the cast will be Miguel Vasquez (NBFT’s “To Broadway, with love”) as The Beast and Sydney Torres (Morales in “A Chorus Line” at Seacoast Rep) as Belle.

Joining them will be Jesse Lutrell (National Tour of “Peter Pan”) as Gaston, Ron Trenouth (Original Broadway Production of “Ragtime”) as Maurice, Courtney Dease (National Tour of “Pippin”) as Lumiere, Gillian Bell (“Les Miserables” at Merry Go Round Playhouse) as Mrs. Potts, Conor McGiffin (National Tour of “Finding Neverland”) as Cogsworth, Carly Caviglia (“Hairspray” at Priscilla Beach Theatre) as Babette, Allyson Lynch (“Le Nozze di Figaro” at Kentucky Opera) as Madame De La Grande Bouche, and Noah Roderiques (“West Side Story” at Manatee Performing Arts Center) as Lefou.

The Production will be Directed by Diane DiCroce,

Choreographed by Andrew Winans, Music Direction by Steven Bergman, Associate Choreographer Kristy Fuller, Lighting Design by Michael Wonson, Sound Design by Jason Choquette.

New Bedford Festival Theatre's production of Disney's Beauty and the Beast runs July 22-31, 2022 at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center. Tickets are available from \$29-\$49.

Tickets can be purchased online at zeiterion.org/events/beauty-and-the-beast, by phone (508) 994-2900, or in person at the Zeiterion Box Office 684 Purchase Street New Bedford, MA 02740.

New Bedford Festival Theatre Staff:

- Executive Producer: Wendy Hall
- Founder: Armand Marchand
- Artistic Director: George Charbonneau
- Assistant Artistic Director: Elizabeth Bettencourt

Production Team:

- Directed by: Diane DiCroce
- Choreographed by: Andrew Winans
- Music Direction by: Steve Bergman
- Associate Choreographer/ Dance Captain: Kristy Fuller
- Lighting Design by: Michael Wonson
- Sound Design by: Jason Choquette
- Technical Director: Sean Elliot
- Stage Manager: Katie Girardot
- Assistant Stage Manager: Teagan DeGreon

Performers:

- Belle: Sydney Torres
- The Beast: Miguel Vasquez
- Gaston: Jesse Lutrell
- Maurice: Ron Trenouth
- Lumiere: Courtney Dease

- Mrs. Potts: Gillian Bell
- Cogsworth: Conor McGiffin
- Babette: Carly Caviglia
- Madame De La Grande Bouche: Allyson Lynch
- Lefou: Noah Rodrigues
- Ensemble: Julieta Berry, Joey Birchler, Daniel Booda, Connor Buonnacorsi, Makenna Calvao, Abby Casey, Kerry Driscoll, Kirsty Fuller, Alyssa Ishihara, Olivia Marques, Dennis Robinson, Brooklyn Toli, and Gil Vaughn-Spencer.
- Swings: Danny Durr and Alyssa Maitoza

Performance Information:

- July 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 at 7:00 PM
- July 24, 30, 31 at 2:00 PM

Special Events:

On July 22, 2022 New Bedford Festival Theatre will throw its Annual Opening Night Afterparty immediately following the 7:00 PM performance of Disney's Beauty and the Beast.

The party will be held at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth College of Visual and Performing Arts at 715 Purchase Street New Bedford, MA (Diagonally across the street from the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center) Tickets are \$25 and can be obtained at the Zeiterion Box Office via website, phone, or in-person.