

Arts of Southern Kentucky Announces Full Cast of Ramsey Theatre Company's Production of *Beauty and The Beast*



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BOWLING GREEN, KY – *It is with deepest pride and greatest pleasure that the Arts of Southern Kentucky announces the full cast for Ramsey Theatre Company's inaugural production, *Beauty and The Beast*. The 58-member cast includes a Broadway veteran who has held multiple lead roles on New York stages, a *Broadway World* award nominee, and national touring performers.*

Role	Actor
Belle	Emily Pellecchia
Beast	Jesse McFarland
Maurice	Craig Schulman
Gaston	Jesse Luttrell
Lumiere	Courtney Dease
Mrs. Potts	Tiffany Harrington
Cogsworth	JJ Gibson
LeFou	Zach Fortune
Babette	Ella Henry
Madame de la Grande Bouche	Jillian Kohr
Chip	Adam Wallace
Monsieur D'Arque/ Tavern Master	Jason Mallo
Les Filles 1	Amelia Bowen

Les Filles 2	Becca Cawthorn
Les Filles 3	Bailey Bryant
Baker	Jonathan Vanderpool
Marie	Hannah Vanderpool
Bookseller	Laura King
Shepherd/Crony 2	Philip Crawford
Laundry Lady	Madison Harmon
Milkmaid	Ella Hagan
Flower Seller	Deb Stein
Sausage Curl Girl	Dawn Burroughs
Candle Maker	Jake Dukes
Hat Seller	Jacob Reed
Crony 1	Chris Morse

Enchanted Ensemble:

Keenan Beasley, Emma Doyle, Abby Gibson, Kathryn Hag, Lilijana Hook,
Katelen Mandrell, Maci Mandrell, Olivia Matzke, Bern Miranda, Jaime Moore, Reagan Nunn,
Olivia Otto, Cass Resch, Sophia Rosa, Nathan Simpson, Abbey Spence, McKenna Sweeney,
Audrey Wallace, Georgie Zirbel

Village Ensemble:

Keenan Beasley, Ashtyn Browning, Laila Chapman, Kate Cox, Philip Crawford, Jake Dukes,
Brittany Gatlin-Lloyd, Ella Hagan, Madison Harmon, Laura King, Jason Mallo,
Reese McWhorter, Chris Morse, Christian Petersen, Cooper Phelps, Rylee Reagle, Ryan Reagle,
Jacob Reed, Cass Resch, Maryellen Self, Deb Stein, Lainey-Kate Tolbert, Layton Tolbert, Hannah
Vanderpool, Jonathan Vanderpool, McKinley Wright

Understudies:

Belle U/S- Bailey Bryant
Lumiere U/S- Jason Mallo
Mrs. Potts U/S- Laura King
LeFou U/S- Jake Dukes
Babette U/S- Ella Hagan
Madame de la Grande Bouche U/S- Dawn Burroughs
Chip U/S- Reese McWhorter

For the past several months, auditionees from across the nation have submitted audition materials online with the hope of being cast in the very first Ramsey Theatre Company production. Various local actors and dancers attended in-person auditions on Saturday April 1st at SKyPAC.

“This was one of the most stressful casting experiences I have ever been involved with. In the audition room, my poor crew had to keep hearing me say, ‘I’m so sorry, I’m stress sweating,’ but the result is an amazing talented cast. I know I’ve said it before but I honestly cannot wait to get in the rehearsal room with these wonderful performers. That time is quickly approaching,” said Elise Charny, director of the production.

Weekly rehearsals begin this month and continue until the June performances on Friday, June 23rd and Saturday June 24th at the Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center (SKyPAC).

“This is the third arts organization that I have helped start,” said Arts of Southern Kentucky President and CEO Jeff Reed. “The upcoming production reminds me of the excitement I once felt when Orchestra Kentucky gave its first performance at Christ Episcopal Church on September 11, 2000. It was the beginning of a long and successful journey. May it also be so for the Ramsey Theatre Company.”

Beauty and The Beast is the third and final Broadway production of the 2022-2023 Willanna K. Ramsey Memorial Broadway Series, sponsored by Robert P. Ramsey. The musical is sponsored by Houchens Insurance Group/Auto-Owners Insurance, co-sponsored by English, Lucas, Priest and Owsley, LLP and Kentucky Tourism, Arts & Heritage Cabinet. The costume sponsor is Q Coffee Emporium. Tickets are available online at www.theskypac.com, by calling (270) 904-1880, or in person at 601 College Street in downtown Bowling Green. Tickets start at \$35.

ABOUT RAMSEY THEATRE COMPANY

The Ramsey Theatre Company was formed through a generous gift from Robert P. Ramsey to produce professional-level musical theatre to serve the BRADD area. The Rita and Jim Scott Concert Hall at SKyPAC serves as its primary home. Principal roles are cast through nation-wide auditions with supporting roles filled by other accomplished actors. Orchestra Kentucky takes the place of honor in the Robin and David Ciochetty orchestra pit.

ABOUT ARTS OF SOUTHERN KENTUCKY

In 2020, with the assistance of the Warren County Fiscal Court and Judge Michael O. Buchanan, Orchestra Kentucky assumed management of the Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center (SKyPAC). The new organization, which also includes BG Onstage and the Ramsey Theatre Company, is titled Arts of Southern Kentucky, and is led administratively and artistically by Jeffrey Reed. The Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center is a premier performing arts venue located in downtown Bowling Green, KY. The facility includes the Rita and Jim Scott Concert Hall, a 1,700-seat state-of-the-art auditorium; the Goodwin Gallery, the primary art exhibition space; the Renshaw Education Center which houses the Carol Wedge Studio Theater - a flexible 2,600 sq. ft. space for intimate productions and gatherings; several multi-functional rehearsal halls/classrooms; and the Denny and Carol Wedge Children's Art Gallery.

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