Director's Notes

Beauty and the Beast has something for everyone. To begin with, it has so many great numbers. You are sure to be going up the trail today singing one of your favorites! There are entrancing characters such as Gaston, LeFou, Lumiere and the rest of the Enchanted Castle. But what about the story of Belle and the Beast? Here is where I am going to take a chance and wax a little philosophical. Remember I said this musical has something for everyone! As a little creative, metaphorical exercise, think about the Beast's plight. The Beast is actually a Prince who has been spellbound because he has not been able to show love for someone less fortunate as him. His inability to show love is his own misfortune. I think that we all have a beast inside of us that only love can keep tamed. Even Belle starts the story a little snooty about the "poor provincial town" she has been relegated to live in. But the Beast and Belle find the transforming magical power of love to set them free. Perhaps we can learn a little lesson from this as we seek to live with our inner beasts. The power of love is magical and transformative.

Just one more note: the rose is slowly dropping its petals throughout the show. This is witnessed at each stage by the enchantress who is the one who created the spell. See if you can track her on stage as she lurks in every corner, hoping the beast will come to find love. The petals are the minutes of the beast's life, the minutes of our life.

~ Craig Scheiber



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Salmon Safari

Join Kitsap Forest Adventure Camp's Julie Shusterman (a Salmon Docent) for a fun and informational adventure in the forest and at Chico Creek. Every year during November, seagoing salmon migrate from their feeding grounds to the rivers and streams of their birth. Chico Creek is the largest chum salmon run in Kitsap County. A perfect adventure for the whole family. Watch website for details.

Big Tree Trail

One of the delights of the Mountaineers' Kitsap Forest Theater is being surrounded by the Keta Legacy Foundation Rhododendron Preserve – a 460 acre nature conservancy with over 70 acres of old-growth forest. Ancient western red cedars abound with many other trees, ferns and wildlife. One of the biggest trees on the Kitsap Peninsula is located on the preserve. The trail to 'Big Tree' is about 1/2 mile long and starts near the historic Kitsap Cabin, ending at one of the 10 largest Douglas Fir trees in the world (2nd largest in Kitsap County). The tree itself is over 30' in diameter. The hike takes you on a bridge over Wildcat Creek with views of Hidden Valley, blooming trillium, wild rhododendrons and many other native trees and plants. You truly feel as if you have entered another world.

If you hike the trail after the show, please be sure your car is not blocking anyone in. Please note that the first part of the trail is steep – wear walking shoes and enjoy your trek into another time and place!

The Mountaineers Players Committee (2021-2022)

Kitsap/Players Coordinator	Jerry Dreessen
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Travis Foreman, the Kitsap Forest Theater caretaker, has left his mark all over the property – notice the benches, fences, arbors, swings, and mushrooms. Contact him for a custom piece of yard art to grace your yard.

Kitsap Forest Adventure Camp

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Did you know that we offer two one-week day camps for kids in grades K-4th grade every July at this beautiful forest property with a Friday overnight for families? It's a great way to unplug your kids. It fills up fast – sign-ups start in January. See our web site for details.

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May 29, 30 • June 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19 • 2 pm

Director:	Craig Schieber
Asst. Director:	Jenny Dreessen
Music Director:	Mark Press
Asst.MD/Accompanist:	Nancy Press
Choreographer:	Guy Caridi
Costumes:	Barbara Klingberg
Sets:	Danette Lam
Props:	Stewart Shusterman

Kitsap Forest Theater — Mountaineers Players

Disney's Beauty & the Beast
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Book by Linda Wolverton

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Beauty & the Beast Synopsis of Scenes

18th Century - Small town in France

Act One

PROLOGUE

SCENE 1 **The Town**
Belle ..... Belle, Gaston, Lefou, Silly Girls, Townspeople
No Matter What ..... Maurice, Belle

SCENE 2 **The Forest**
No Matter What – Reprise ..... Maurice

SCENE 3 **The Castle**

SCENE 4 **Exterior of Belle's Cottage**
Me ..... Gaston, Belle
Belle – Reprise ..... Belle

SCENE 5 **The Castle – Great Hall**
Home ..... Belle
Home – Reprise ..... Mrs. Potts

SCENE 6 **The Tavern**
Gaston ..... Lefou, Gaston, Silly Girls, Tavern Patrons
Gaston – Reprise ..... Gaston, Lefou

SCENE 7 **The Castle**
How Long Must This Go On? ..... Beast
Be Our Guest ..... Lumiere, Mrs. Potts, Cogsworth, Madame de la Grande Bouche, Chip, Babette, Enchanted Objects
If I Can't Love Her ..... Beast

Act Two

ENTR'ACTE

SCENE 1 **The Forest** (wolf chase)

SCENE 2 **The Castle**
Something There ..... Belle, Beast, Lumiere, Mrs. Potts, Cogsworth
Human Again ..... Lumiere, Mrs. Potts, Cogsworth, Madame de la Grande Bouche, Chip, Babette, Enchanted Objects

SCENE 3 **The Tavern**
Maison Des Lunes ..... Gaston, Lefou, Monsieur D'Arque

SCENE 4 **The Castle**
Beauty and the Beast ..... Mrs. Potts
If I Can't Love Her – Reprise ..... Beast

SCENE 5 **Exterior of Belle's Cottage**
A Change in Me ..... Belle
The Mob Song ..... Gaston, Lefou, Monsieur D'Arque, Townspeople

SCENE 6 **The Castle**
Home – Reprise ..... Belle
Transformation ..... Beast, Belle
Beauty and the Beast – Reprise ..... Company

Cast of Characters

Beast ..... Anthony Dreessen
Belle ..... Ila Faubion Dreessen
Maurice ..... Walt Foster
Gaston ..... Leif Layman
LeFou/Wolf ..... Anna Vizzare
Cogsworth ..... John Lange
Lumiere ..... Spencer Wiedmann
Monsieur D'Arque ..... Isaac Tian
Babette/Wolf ..... ★ Laura McFarlane
Mrs. Potts ..... Meagan Castillo
Chip/Noah ..... Olivia Markle
Madame de la Grande Bouche (Wardrobe) ..... Gail Foster

Silly Girls/Enchanted Objects
Georgette/Napkin ..... Luciana Barrera
Paulette/Napkin/Wolf ..... Libby McDonald
Claudette/Napkin ..... Katie McKenna

Townspeople/Enchanted Objects
Marie/Spork ..... Jackie Alves
Lucille/Spork ..... Eileen Balet
Alphonse/Guard ..... Alfonso Barrera
Jeanne-Marie/Knife ..... Joan Barrera
Tom/Guard/Knife ..... James Castillo
Sophie/Spork/Wolf ..... Kaitlyn Chow
Monique/Napkin ..... Shaina Cochrane
Henri/Guard/Knife ..... David Duke
Charlotte/Teacup ..... Erin Fall
Jeannette/Plate ..... Valerie Foster
Yvonne/Spork ..... Laura Howell
Cécile/Creamer ..... Mia Howell
Enchantress ..... Jess Lam
Bookseller/Plate ..... Gillian Milstein
Madeleine/Spork ..... Isabelle Pearson
Pierre/Guard/Knife ..... Stewart Shusterman
Alice/Plate ..... Dee Smolar
Antoinette/Sugar Bowl ..... Carol Stanley
Colette/Spork/Table ..... Orit Wernor
Louis Baker/Guard ..... Eric Wu

★ *Dance Captain*

THE MOUNTAINEERS PLAYERS HISTORY

The rich history of The Mountaineers Players and the Kitsap Forest Theater began on a Spring day in 1909. A 'local walk' to view the wild blooming rhododendrons around Wildcat Lake began one of The Mountaineers most enduring traditions. The 'misguided' group of 66 Mountaineers wandered into Hidden Valley Ranch and met Edward Paschall and his family. A fast friendship was forged on that day.

A prominent activity among early Mountaineers visitors involved dramatic diversions. The skits and performances grew into a production of *Robin of Sherwood* on June 17, 1923. The performance marked the birth of The Mountaineers Players who went on to produce an annual spring show on the property every year to the present day – the only exception being four years during World War II and 2020. A summer show was added in 2007. Our 100th year anniversary is next year in 2023.

The Mountaineers Players are one of the oldest, continuously operating community theater groups in the country, performing in one of the oldest outdoor theaters in North America. Read about our history and our early shows on our web site ("History" tab under "About Us") - the history page will take you to our past shows.

Dance, Music Staff & Fight Staff

Choreographer ..... **Guy Caridi**
Music Director ..... **Mark Press**
Asst. MD/Accompanist ..... **Nancy Press**
Bass ..... **Mark Colbert**
Woodwinds ..... **Mark Kunz**
Violin ..... **Guillermo A. Peguero**
Chase Choreography Advice and Supervision ..... **Ken Michels**
Fight Choreography ..... **Lee Ann Hittenberger**

Production Staff

Director ..... **Craig Schieber**
Asst. Director/Choreography "Me" ..... **Jenny Dreessen**
Stage Manager ..... **Danette Lam**
Costume Design & Construction ..... **Barbara Klingberg**
Belle's Costumes Design & Construction ..... **Ila Faubion Dreessen**
Lori Knoebel, Nita Burks, Anna Clarke, Nancy Press
Set Design & Construction/Set Dressing ..... **Danette Lam**
Dennis Cole, Devin Cole, Diane Cole, Dustin Cole, Jerry & Jenny Dreessen, Erin Fall, Michael Fall, Adam Mackenzie, Jeremy Makin, Chris Stanley
Prop Master ..... **Stewart Shusterman**
Sound Design ..... **Kuran Pettiross, Clara Pettiross**
Sound Engineer ..... **Greg Brown**
Trail Decorations ..... **Katie McKenna, Dee Smolar**
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Special Thanks!!

To **Tom Vogl,** CEO of The Mountaineers, and **Carry Porter/Matt Simerson** (outgoing and incoming VP of Properties), and Mountaineers staff for their unwavering support of us as we have navigated many unknowns during the past two years.

To **you, our audience members**, who give us the reason to engage in the joy of creating magical theater in the most beautiful venue in the Pacific Northwest! Bring a friend and come back to see our summer show. Word of mouth is our best advertising!