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BROADWAY BY THE BAY *presents* DISNEY'S BEAUTY and the BEAST

The blockbuster musical, Disney's *BEAUTY AND THE BEAST*, runs from November 4th through November 20th at the historic Fox Theatre in Redwood City (2215 Broadway Street, Redwood City, CA).

Step into the enchanted world of Broadway's modern classic, Disney's *BEAUTY AND THE BEAST*, an international sensation that has been seen by over 35 million people in 13 different countries. Based on the Academy-Award winning animated feature, the stage version includes the beloved classics written by Alan Menken and the late Howard Ashman, with additional songs by Mr. Menken and Tim Rice. The original Broadway production ran for over 13 years and was nominated for 9 Tony Awards including Best Musical.

This fun and family-friendly musical, adapted from the original 1991 Disney film, brings to life the timeless story of a selfish and hot tempered prince who is turned into a hideous beast and must win the affection of a beautiful, young girl in order to regain his humanity. This musical includes the classic songs "Be Our Guest", "Gaston", the title song "Beauty and the Beast" and many more. The exuberant musical offers humor, romance, and excitement for all ages.

Director Kelly Tighe says, "At it's heart, *BEAUTY AND THE BEAST* is a story of two people overcoming factors that contribute to making them outsiders. Belle's desire to be an intellectual, an explorer and an individual make her an object of speculation, fear, and division in her homogenous and apparently small-minded community. The prince has an inability to empathize, and his selfishness and pride ultimately drive him to a point where his choices not only curse him, but the entire household. It's only when these two people, outsiders for such disparate reasons, find themselves under the same roof, in the same circumstance, that our story takes flight. And of course, as always, love, kindness, honesty and a little bit of magic are the keys to solving their problems."

Tighe is thrilled to direct at BBBay for the first time, having served as scenic designer on numerous hits including *Dreamgirls*, *Les Misérables*, *West Side Story* and *Miss Saigon*. "I can't wait to embark on this exciting journey," he says. "I'm graced with a magnificent cast, and the artistic and production team are at the top of their game. I hope our audiences will have as much fun watching the show as we will have making it."

Alicia Jeffrey, Executive Artistic Director, says "*BEAUTY AND THE BEAST* is a wonderful opportunity for us to really do what we do best - create a theatrical experience that is unique for our audiences. We aren't remounting someone else's vision of this show - it's our own, and it's truly thrilling." Jeffrey continues, "It is also a wonderful opportunity for us to engage our community in new ways, including having our first ever ASL-Interpreted performance. We're also very excited to be partnering with Autism Speaks to present an Autism-friendly performance to close our run. That performance will also be a fundraiser for Autism Speaks, and I can think of no better way to end our successful 2016 season."

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST Performance Schedule at the Fox Theatre in Redwood City:

Friday, November 4 at 8PM
Saturday, November 5 at 8PM
Sunday, November 6 at 2PM*

Friday, November 11 at 8pm
Saturday, November 12 at 2PM
Saturday, November 12 at 8PM
Sunday, November 13 at 2PM

Saturday, November 19 at 2PM 
Saturday, November 19 at 8PM
Sunday, November 20 at 2PM
Sunday, November 20 at 7PM 

* Post-show Talk Back Session with the cast and creative team.

 with ASL Interpreter  Autism-friendly

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST features Anya Absten (Belle), Daniel Rubio (Beast), Maureen Duffey Frentz (Mrs. Potts), Jennifer Stark (Madame de la Grande Bouche), Jocelyn Pickett (Babette), John Melis (Gaston), Warren Wernick (Lafou), Brendon North (Lumiere), Ray D'Ambrosio (Cogsworth), Jasen Jeffrey (Maurice), Camille Edralin (Silly Girl), Jessica Maxey (Silly Girl), Lizzie Moss (Silly Girl), and Nick Quintell (Monsieur D'Arque). The Female Ensemble includes Chrissy Brooks-Knipp, Sammi Hildebrandt, Jeannette Jeffrey, Minna Rogers, and Gabrielle Traub. The Male Ensemble includes Danila Burshteyn, Josiah Frampton, Isaac Goldberg, Javi Harnley, Joe Hudelson and Neal Pascua.

The creative and production team includes Kelly James Tighe (Director/Scenic Designer), Sean Kana (Musical Director), Adam Elsberry (Choreographer/Assoc. Director), Aaron Spivey (Lighting Designer), Warren Wernick (Properties Designer/Assoc. Scenic Designer), Angela Lazear and Leandra Watson (Costume Designers), Alexis Lazear (Wig and Makeup Designer), Jon Hayward (Technical Director & Sound Designer), Kimily Cockle (Dialect Coach), Alex Wolf (Stage Manager), and Alicia Jeffrey and Michelle Klingler (Production Managers). Biographies of the staff can be found on our website.

Tickets range from \$47 to \$69, and may be purchased by phone at 650-579-5565, online at broadwaybythebay.org, or in person at the Fox Theatre Box Office located at 2219 Broadway Street in downtown Redwood City. The box office is open Tuesday through Friday, 10AM-1:30PM, 3:00PM-6:00PM. On performance days, the box office is open 60 minutes prior to the start of each show, and remains open for 30 minutes following the start of the performance.

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Broadway By the Bay was established as San Mateo Community Theatre in 1965. We are the only major musical theatre company between San Francisco and Palo Alto producing large-scale musical productions using local talents. We are committed to producing the highest-quality shows while maintaining accessibility to our community. In our 50-year history we have received numerous awards and countless acclamations, but none as valued and important than the continued patronage by our community. We are the resident musical theatre company of the historic Fox Theatre in downtown Redwood City.

Staff Listing:

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