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Disney
**BEAUTY
AND THE
BEAST**

THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

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Music by Alan Menken
Lyrics by Howard Ashman & Tim Rice
Book by Linda Woolverton
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Cast of Characters

Beast	Beau Reddington
Old Woman / Enchantress	Kaitlyn Regan
Belle	Cameron Olin
Maurice	Richie Gagen
Gaston	Matt Deus
Lefou	Corey East
La Filles La Ville	Kristina Barrett
	Riss Nawa
	Kassie Schill
Monsieur D'Arque	Kegan Sulamoyo
Cogsworth	Anthony Salatino
Lumiere	Michael Emery Fox
Babette	Camila Piñero
Mrs. Potts	Kim Mihalik
Chip	Luke Jones
Madam De La Grande Bouche	Emily East
Milkmaid	Kaitlyn Deere
Aristocratic Lady	Molly Marquette
Tavern Master	Scott Sopata
Egg Seller	Jaxon Floyd
Sausage Curl Girl	Mary Fowler
Baker / Prince	Cory Bryner
Laundry Lady	Jaclyn Phelps
Candlemaker	Bradley Kohl
Flower Seller	Emma Pasciak
Hat Seller	Octavius Hayes
Shepherdess	Elise Gaines
Bookseller	Robert Thacker
Mother Villager	Liz Jones
Sassy Seamstress	Briana Brandt
Prologue Narrator	Mark Hilan

Understudies:

Belle.....	Camila Piñero
Beast.....	Cory Bryner
Mrs. Potts	Emily East
Madame de la Grande Bouche	Briana Brandt
Monsieur D'Arque	Elise Gaines

Production Team

Director Brenton Cochran
Musical Director Mike Caraffi
Choreographer Melanie Leibold
Stage Manager Jen Sindyla*
Producer Georgia Muttillio
Tech Director/Lighting Designer Shawna Melnykowski
Set Designers Wesley Carney, Shawna Melnykowski
Assistant Musical Director David Copsey
Assistant Director Amy McSweeney
Sound Designer Vic DiAngelo
Properties Designer Gretchen Woods
CostumersKatie Wells, Georgia Muttillio
Wig Designer Tony Otto
Additional Costume Design Betty Pitcher, Gary Samarin
Lightboard Op Joellen Woodring
Spotlight Operators Dan Emmanuel, Audrey Szwec
Set Construction Wesley Carney, Maddie Garver,
Savannah Slater, Gretchen Woods,
V Woods, Jason Woods
Photographer Keli Schimelpfenig
Backstage Crew Amy McSweeney, Gretchen Woods

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STUDIOS

Act 1

Overture and Prologue	Orchestra
Belle	Belle, Company
No Matter What.....	Maurice, Belle
Maurice's Travels	Maurice
Me	Belle, Gaston
Belle (Reprise)	Belle
Home	Belle
Home (Tag)	Mrs. Potts, Madame
Gaston	Gaston, LeFou, Company
Gaston (Reprise)	Gaston, Lefou
How Long Must This Go On	Beast
Be Our Guest	Lumiere, Chip, Mrs. Potts, Company
If I Can't Love Her	Beast



Intermission

Act 2

Entr'acte	Orchestra
Something There	Belle, Beast, Lumiere, Cogsworth, Mrs. Potts
Human Again	Lumiere, Cogsworth, Mrs. Potts, Chip, Babette, Madame, Company
Beauty and the Beast	Mrs. Potts
If I Can't Love Her (Reprise)	Beast
A Change in Me	Belle
The Mob Song	Gaston, D'Arque, Company
Transformation/ Finale Ultimo	Belle, Prince, Company

Orchestra

Keyboard 1/Conductor	Mike Caraffi
Keyboard 2	David Copsy
Reed 1	Jackie Wood
Reed 2	Opal Curry
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Trumpet	Matt Wirfel
French Horn	Meredith Evans
Bass	Shawn Brandt
Percussion	John Musat

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Who's Who in the Cast



Kristina Barrett (La Filles La Ville) is beyond thrilled to be back on the Cassidy Theatre stage for this fantastic revival! Barrett is a graduate of AMDA NYC. Kristina was last seen on stage as the incomparable Reno Sweeney in *Anything Goes* at ICT Past Cassidy shows include *Annie* (Grace), *Little Shop of Horrors* (Crystal), *Chorus Line* (Kristine), *Titanic* (Madeline Astor), *Wedding Singer* (Julia), *Spelling Bee* (Logainne), and *Oklahoma!* (Ado Annie). She has also been seen in the ensembles of *Spamalot*, *The Producers*, *Guys and Dolls*, and *Anything Goes*. Barrett was last seen on the Cassidy stage in the 2023 production of *Beauty and the Beast* as a Silly Girl! "HUGE thank you to all of my family and friends for their constant love and support and the sweetest thank you to my theatre loving kids!"



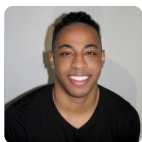
Briana Brandt (Seamstress/Wardrobe US) is thrilled to be returning to the stage and returning to *Beauty and the Beast* as the Sassy Seamstress and Wardrobe Understudy. You may have seen Briana in other roles such as Maria in *9 to 5* at Brecksville Community Theatre, The Purser in *Anything Goes* at Independence Community Theatre, and in the ensemble in *Kinky Boots* at Cassidy Theatre, just to name a few! Briana studied acting, finishing with her associates at The American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York City, class of 2020. Briana would like to thank her mother and fiancé for the constant support and letting her embrace herself on the stage. A huge thank you to the entire production team for inviting Briana back for this immaculate revival. She would also like to thank her grandmother who was always so supportive of her interests and never missed a show; she will always be in our hearts.



Cory Bryner (Baker/Prince/Beast US) is thrilled to be back recreating the magic of Cassidy's production of *Beauty and the Beast*. Some of his favorite roles include Charlie Price in *Kinky Boots*, Captain Von Trapp in *The Sound of Music* and Buddy Layman in *The Diviners*. He cannot wait to see you all back again to share the magic of this show. He would like to thank his family and friends for being his biggest support through everything. Enjoy this Tale as Old as Time!



Kaitlyn Deere (Milkmaid) is thrilled to be reliving the production that reignited her love for performing with some of the best people around. Kaitlyn has not only been seen in Cassidy Theatre's 2023 production of *Beauty and the Beast* but also played Pat in *Kinky Boots*. When not performing, Kaitlyn works as an occupational therapist at the Cleveland Clinic and spends time with her soul cat, Gertrude. Kaitlyn wants to thank her family, friends, and castmates for supporting her and hopes everyone enjoys this wonderful, heartfelt production!



Matt Deus (Gaston) is ecstatic to be making his grandiose return to Cassidy Theatre to reprise his time as the narcissist of your dreams, Gaston! Matt's theater career started in 2018 as an ensemble member of shows like *Spring Awakening*, *Chess: The Musical*, *Big Fish*, and *9 to 5!* with him recently playing in shows like *RENT* (Angel), *Gypsy* (Tulsa), *Kinky Boots* (Angel), *Anything Goes* (Ship Captain) and *Rocky: the Musical* (Apollo Creed). Matt wants to thank: his amazing family, friends, the cast, vocal teacher, Emily Ortolano, Brenton Cochran for the amazing opportunity, Tim Valenti for believing in him as both a person and a boyfriend, and his best friend, Paola Ayala, for always pushing him to be the actor he has always wanted to be.



Corey East (Lefou) is excited to be returning to the stage at Cassidy to be a part of this show once again! He's been in numerous roles around Ohio, including most recently as Harry the Horse in *Guys and Dolls* at Cassidy. You may also have seen him as Evelyn Oakley in *Anything Goes*, Prince Eric in *The Little Mermaid*, one of the Clowns in *The 39 Steps* (twice), Rapunzel's Prince in *Into the Woods*, and as Brad in *The Rocky Horror Show*. He's extremely happy to be working with these great people doing this classic show. He thanks his wife Emily for continuing to do theatre with him, and his many friends and family for their love and support. Enjoy the show!



Emily East (Madame de la Grande Bouche/Mrs. Potts US) is pleased to be joining the revival cast here at Cassidy, once again, to bring you this beautiful Disney Classic. Emily's recent stage credits this year have included *Guys and Dolls* here at Cassidy as well as *Beauty and the Beast* at Olde Town Hall. Some of her most notable roles include; Luisa in *The Fantasticks* through SCT, Anabella, Pamela & Margaret in *The 39 Steps* with The Cassidy Theatre and revived at ICT, and Lady MacDuff in *Macbeth A Rock Opera* with Medina Cameo. Emily's dedication to the arts extends offstage to include previous work as a teaching artist as well as having served on The Cassidy Theatre Board of Directors during their 2023 season. Lastly, Emily extends heartfelt thanks to her wonderful husband, Corey, for his unwavering support in all of her artistic endeavors.



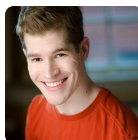
Mary Fowler (Sausage Curl Girl) is so thrilled to be back and was last seen on Cassidy's stage as Lauren in *Kinky Boots* and Fairy Godmother in *Shrek*. Mary has had the privilege to perform in various productions in the Northeast Ohio area, some including *Gypsy* (Louise), *Shrek* (Gingy), *Heathers* (Martha), *Spring Awakening* (Ensemble), and *Xanadu* (Calliope). Mary sends love to her family and friends and boyfriend Nick who have been her number one fans and supporters over the many years! Lastly, she would like to thank you, the audience, for coming out and supporting the arts!



Jaxon Floyd (Egg Seller) is ecstatic to be making his Cassidy Theater debut in *Beauty and the Beast*. In his free time he enjoys soccer, theatre, tennis, and spending time with his family and friends. Some of his past credits include Lefou (*Beauty and the Beast, Jr.*), James/Jock (*High School Musical On Stage*), and Les Mis (Sailor/Convict/Student). He would like to thank his family and friends for supporting his theatre ambitions.



Michael Emery Fox (Lumiere) is back back back again to reprise one of his dream roles. He was last seen at Cassidy as the Prince in *Cinderella*. Other favorite roles around Northeast Ohio include *Into the Woods* (Rapunzel's Prince) at French Creek Theatre, *Spring Awakening* (Melchior) at Kent State Stark, *Puffs* (J. Finch) at Broadview Heights Spotlights, and *The Rocky Horror Show* (Columbia) at Akron Civic Theatre, Michael would like to thank his incredible mother for being an amazing support system since day one and his dad because he asked him to. As always, Minnie, this one is for you.



Richie Gagen (Maurice) is so excited to be returning for another year of *Beauty and the Beast*! Other previous theatre credits include *The Wizard of Oz* (Ensemble, u/s Tin Man) at Near West Theater, *Beauty and the Beast* (Maurice) and *Rent* (Gordon/Mr. Grey/Cop/Others) at Cassidy Theater, *Puffs* (Oliver Rivers) at Broadview Heights Spotlights, as well as roles at Blank

Canvas Theatre and Beck Center for the Arts. When not performing, Richie is never too far from the stage by working as an office assistant at Playhouse Square. Much love and thanks to his fantastic cast mates, especially his wonderful boyfriend Michael.



Elise Gaines (Shepherdess) is excited to return for this revival. After a 12-year hiatus, she returned to the stage, performing with the cast of *Rent* at Cassidy Theatre and rediscovered her love for the stage and the magical theater environment. Elise's love of theater started when she was 13 years old and was cast in *The Frog Princess*. Her love for theater continued through her high school days. More recently she has been seen in *Beauty and the Beast* as well as *The Little Mermaid*, *Cinderella*, and *Shrek* at Cassidy Theatre. She would like to send out a big thank you to her friends and family for all their love and support.



Octavius Hayes (Hat Seller) is absolutely thrilled to be returning to Cassidy Theatre for the second time for the upcoming production of *Beauty and the Beast*. Octavius is honored to once again collaborate with such a talented and dedicated group of individuals. Last year, he had the pleasure of portraying a guard and participating as a Duloc dancer in *Shrek* and found it

an incredibly rewarding experience. He is eager to bring his passion for the arts back to the stage and is looking forward to creating more unforgettable memories with this amazing community.



Liz Jones (Mother Villager) is excited to rejoin this amazing cast and reprise her role. You may also have seen her here in *ELF! The Musical* (Ensemble). Other recent credits include *Our Town* (Mrs. Webb) at Strongsville Community Theatre, *Anything Goes* (Old Lady) at Independence Community Theater and *Bye Bye Birdie* (Phyllis/Ensemble) at Medina County Show Biz.

You can next see her as the Wardrobe Lady in ICT'S upcoming production of *Kiss Me, Kate* (Nov. 1-17). Behind the scenes, Liz is the Theatre Manager at Strongsville Community Theatre, as well as a real estate and marketing professional. She sends a big THANK YOU to her family and friends for their love and support, especially her husband Kris and son Luke!



Luke Jones (Chip) is excited to reprise his role of Chip! This show marks his 22nd theatrical production. He has been previously seen on the Cassidy stage in *Shrek* (Baby Bear/Young Shrek/Dwarf), *Kinky Boots* (Young Charlie), Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* (Chip), *ELF! The Musical* (Elf), *Willy Wonka Kids* (Charlie), *Aladdin Kids* (Aladdin), *Frozen Kids* (Hans), and *Seussical Kids*

(Wickersham). Other notable past credits include: *Bye Bye Birdie* (Randolph MacAfee) and *Gypsy* (Clarinet Boy/Newsboy) at Medina County Show Biz, *Music Man Kids* (Harold Hill), *Seussical Kids* (Horton) and *Willy Wonka Kids* (Charlie) at Brecksville Theatre, *Our Town* (Wally Webb/Joe Crowell) at Strongsville Community Theatre, and *Wizard of Oz Youth* (Scarecrow), *Finding Nemo Kids* (Crush), *Frozen Kids* (Olaf) and *Willy Wonka Kids* (Augustus Gloop) at Independence Community Theater. You can next see Luke in the role of Second Man in ICT's upcoming production of *Kiss Me, Kate* (Nov. 1-17). He has also appeared in several feature & short films. Luke is in 6th grade at Strongsville Middle School, and he enjoys playing trombone & ukulele and being a member of SMS show choir. Luke would like to thank his family & friends for their love & support as he chases his dreams -- and for always encouraging him to defy gravity!



Brad Kohl (Candlemaker/Villager) Brad is super excited to be visiting this show once again. Brad started acting in 2013 and has never looked back. You may have seen him recently as Arvide Abernathy in Cassidy's *Guys and Dolls*. Other recent performances - Star roles: Franz in *Sound of Music*, Winthrop in *Legally Blonde*, Greg Gardner in *A Chorus Line*, Lightoller/Steward in *Titanic: The Musical*. Featured Ensemble roles: *Kinky Boots*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *42nd Street*, *Newsies*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Chicago*, *Joseph*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*. He is looking forward to working with this awesome cast and would like to thank Brenton for this chance to perform and to do what he loves.



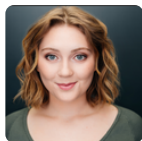
Molly Marquette (Aristocratic Lady) is excited to be joining the cast and crew of *Beauty and the Beast*! She is a BGSU Musical Theatre graduate who grew up in Stow dancing on stage and being in shows. Her most recent roles have been Doctor/Ensemble member in CVLT's *9 to 5*, many different fairytale characters in *Shrek* at Cassidy, and one of the players in *Pippin* at BGSU. Molly wants to thank her family and friends for all of their love and support, and she can't wait to share this magical story with everyone!



Kim Mihalik (Mrs. Potts) has been performing and directing in area community theatres like Cassidy, Clague, Strongsville Community and Berea Summer Theatre since 1981. Having grown up on the Cassidy (Greenbrier) stage, she is especially happy to be a member of the board! Her background is in education, and she has been a fifth-grade teacher, drama coach, and corporate trainer during her career. She has developed, curated, and facilitated arts curriculum in both the elementary and secondary spaces. Further, she developed a Care Actor program integrating local actors into training programs for healthcare professionals. She is currently completing her master's degree in clinical counseling and looks forward to assisting patients in the future. She also looks forward to co-directing *Holiday Inn* next Christmas here at Cassidy with Brenton Cochran. "Thank you from the bottom of my heart to Brenton for the incredible opportunity to join B&B and to this amazing cast for welcoming me and wrapping me up in kindness! It's always a privilege to be on the stage I consider my home."



Riss Nawa (La Filles La Ville) is thrilled to be returning to Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*, this time getting a little silly on stage. You may recognize her from her most recent appearance in Cassidy Theatre's *Guys and Dolls* (Hot Box Girl). Other notable performances are: *9 to 5* (Margaret) at CVLT, Olde Towne Hall's production of *CLUE* (Miss Scarlet), and Cassidy Theatre's *Kinky Boots* (Milan Stage Manager) and Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* (Flower Seller/Salt). To have the opportunity to work once more with this incredible cast (that has really become more like family) is a once in a lifetime experience and she is honored to be a part of the magic. Thank you to Brenton and the entire production team for making her dreams come true last year with this beautiful show. She would also like to thank all the incredible friends she has made and her family for all their love and support to pursue her passion. Enjoy the show!



Cameron Olin (Belle) is so excited to be reprising the role of Belle with this incredible cast and creative team. Recently you may have seen her in *The Crucible* at Blank Canvas Theater (Mercy Lewis/Abigail Williams u/s), *9 to 5* at CVLT as a principal swing/ensemble dancer, *Shrek* at Cassidy Theater (Dragon/Humpty Dumpty), *Anything Goes* at Independence Community Theater (Hope Harcourt), *Beauty and the Beast* at Cassidy Theater (Belle), *Sondheim on Sondheim* at Cain Park (Swing), and *Disney's Freaky Friday* at Kent State (Ellie Blake). Cameron is incredibly grateful for all of the love and support from all of her wonderful friends and family, without whom she would not be where she is today! JPO <3



Emma Pasciak (Flower Seller) is so excited to be one of the new members joining *Beauty and the Beast* this year! She was last seen in *The Prom* at CVLT in the Teen/Godspell Ensemble. Other previous credits include *9 to 5* (Margaret/Doralee US) Brecksville Theatre, *Shrek the Musical* (White Rabbit/Duloc Dancer) Cassidy Theatre, *Cinderella* (Footman/Ensemble)

Cassidy Theatre, *Kinky Boots* (Ensemble) Cassidy Theatre, *Into the Woods* (the Baker) MAD Factory, *The Sound of Music* (Sister Sophia) MAD Factory, *Children of Eden* (Snake/Aphra) MAD Factory, and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (Ensemble) Mighty Goliath Productions. Outside of theatre she loves doing special effects makeup and spending time with her cats. She'd like to thank the production team and fellow cast members for helping her so much and putting their trust in her!



Jaclyn Phelps (Laundry Lady) has been involved with Community Theater for over the last 30 years. Jackie has enjoyed performing in musicals, dramas, and comedies. Jackie is grateful that she found her niche in theater, playing character roles. Some of her favorite roles include Gretchen in *Boeing Boeing*, Sister Mary Lazarus in *Sister Act* at Cassidy and Evangeline

Harcourt in *Anything Goes* at Independence. When Jackie isn't on stage or hanging out with her nephews, she is a property manager for a multi-family residential management company. Jackie wants to thank her family and friends for all of their love and support.



Camila Piñero (Babette/Belle US) is so excited to be back at Cassidy Theatre for the revival of *Beauty and the Beast*! Camila is a native of Cleveland's West side and holds a B.A. from Bowling Green State University. She has been performing since she was 11 years old. Some of her favorite theatrical credits include: Ariel (*The Little Mermaid*), Faith (*BKLYN*), & Philoclea

(*Head Over Heels*) at Near West Theatre, Babette (*Beauty and the Beast*) & Kitty (*The Drowsy Chaperone*) at Cassidy Theatre, and Helena Costa (*The River Bride*) at Cleveland Public Theatre. Camila thanks the incredible cast and crew as well as her mom, dad, and little sister for being the most supportive people in the world. Muchísimas gracias y los amo infinitamente. #RepresentationMatters



Beau Reddington (Beast) is incredibly excited to share this revival with Cassidy audiences. He has played roles in a number of Cleveland community theater productions, such as Berger in *Hair*, Jesus in *Jesus Christ Superstar*, Edward Rutledge in *1776*, and Lumiere in *Beauty and the Beast*. He is so thankful to again share the stage with Kaitlyn Regan, the love of his life,

with whom he is a co-cat-parent of Fiyero and Nala.



Kaitlyn Regan (Enchantress) is enchanted to be back onstage at Cassidy! Stage credits include *9 to 5* (CVLT), *Anything Goes* (ICT), *Beauty and the Beast* (Cassidy Theatre), *Cinderella* in *Into the Woods* (H.E.L.P.), *Carrie* and *Spring Awakening* (Near West Theatre), Belle in *Beauty and the Beast* (Near West Theatre) and *Into the Woods* (Cassidy Theatre). In November, catch her in

Independence Community Theater's production of *Kiss Me, Kate!* Much love to her husband Beau and her two cat babies, Nala and Fiyero.



Anthony Salatino (Cogsworth) is truly honored to be playing this lovable, tightly-wound character once more. Recently, you may have seen Anthony as Benny South Street in Cassidy's *Guys and Dolls*. Past productions - Featured roles: Julian Marsh (*42nd Street*), Elle's Dad / Dewey (*Legally Blonde*), Morris Delancey (*Newsies*), Al Deluca (*A Chorus Line*), Pitman/Major (*Titanic*:

The Musical), Young Ebenezer (*Scrooge*), Prince Christopher (*Cinderella*). Featured ensemble roles: Angel (*Kinky Boots*), Chess, *RENT*, *LSOH*, *Chicago*, *Joseph*, *The Last 5 Years*, *JCS*. Stage Manager: *High School Musical*, *Rudolph Jr.*, *Crazy For You*, *Sound of Music*. He wants to thank Brenton and the production team for this magical opportunity and sends love to his supportive family and friends.



Kassie Schill (La Fille La Villes) is once again so excited to be on stage at Cassidy! She has appeared here in quite a few shows but her favorites include; *Guys and Dolls* (Hot Box Girl) and *Rent* (Blanket Person/ Female Swing). She also was in *Godspell* (Sonia) at Theater 8:15, *Gypsy* (Electra) at Medina County Showbiz and *Ragtime* (Ensemble) at The Broadview Heights Spotlights. She's an avid spokesperson for mental health awareness. She'd like to give a big shout out to her new dog Luffy. She would like to thank her family, friends, and Michael for their endless support!



Scott Sopata (Tavern Master) is a freshman at Cleveland State University, majoring in Computer Science. *Beauty and the Beast* marks his 22nd show, and he is thrilled to be joining such a talented cast. He was last seen in *Les Miserables* at Independence Community Theater. Other notable roles include Rooster Hannigan in *Annie* at 82nd Street, Mufasa in *The Lion King* at Padua High School, and the Captain in *Anything Goes* at North Royalton High School. In addition to his passion for theater, Scott plays the saxophone, piano, flute, and trumpet. He is also involved in Wind Ensemble, Venturing, Boy Scouts and more. Scott extends his heartfelt thanks to the director for this opportunity and to his family for their unwavering support throughout his acting journey.



Kegan Sulamoyo (Monsieur D'Arque) is excited to be making his return as Monsieur D'arque on the Cassidy Stage. You may have seen him last as No Vacancy's Front Man Theo in *School of Rock* (Cassidy). Other recent credits include Nick in *The Prom* (Near West), City Weed/Taylor Collins U/S in *BKLYN* (Near West), and Eli Whitney in *Anything Goes* (Independence Community Theatre). Kegan would like to thank his friends and family for their support, and be sure to see him next as Judah in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (Weathervane).



Robert Thacker (Bookseller) is happy to return to the cast for this revival. He comes to the show with years of ballroom dancing lessons from some of the country's best dancers and has performed as a tenor in numerous church choirs since college. As an excited member of the cast, he is very encouraged to continue learning from the great talent that appears onstage at Cassidy with hopes of performing in leading roles in the years to come as his vocal ability grows.

Who's Who Behind the Scenes



Mike Caraffi (Music Director) (he/him) wears many hats here at the Cassidy Theatre. Some of you may have seen him in our box office or know him as our board president. Others may know him as a Director or Musical Director. Mike is please to be returning to the production team for this revival of *Beauty and the Beast*. A heartfelt word of THANKS to all the hard

working, dedicated actors and actresses who have brought this production to life - you are an absolute inspiration and joy to work with. Congratulations to all!



Brenton Cochran (Director) has been fortunate enough to direct productions across Northeast Ohio for over 20 years. This marks Brenton's 90th directorial endeavor. Brenton most recently directed *9 to 5 the Musical* at CVLT and *Les Miserables: School Edition* at ICT. Some of his favorite directorial credits include *9 to 5 the Musical* at CVLT, Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*, *The Addams Family* and *RENT* at Cassidy Theatre, *South Pacific*, *Funny Girl*, *Anything Goes*, *Bus Stop*, *Gypsy*, *Boeing Boeing* and *The Secret Life of Girls*. Brenton is the Leasing Manager for Realty Now Property Management and your favorite handbag enthusiast at Karen's Hallmark in Brecksville. Brenton also serves on the Board of Directors at Cassidy and ICT. Special thank you to his friends and loved ones for their never-ending love and support, his mom who is his best friend and backbone and the entire cast and crew for all of their hard work and dedication. Brenton will next be directing *Hairspray* at Cassidy in 2025. "Thank you to Mike and Cassidy Theatre for the incredible opportunity to revisit the most magical and rewarding experiences of my career. And no, I will not be reprising my role as Lumiere in booty shorts, flip flops and a hoodie for any performance of the run." Enjoy the show.



David Copsey (Asst Music Director) is so excited to be in the assistant musical director role again for *Beast*. He has also performed in multiple shows at Cassidy such as *Drowsy Chaperone* (Robert) and *Kinky Boots* (Harry/Ensemble). He also plays clarinet in the Cleveland Pride Band. In his time away from the Cassidy, he is a respiratory therapist and full-time MBA/MHA grad student. David is incredibly proud of the cast, pit, crew and production team of *Beauty and the Beast*. Enjoy the Show!



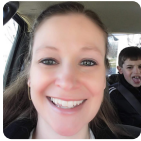
Vic DiAngelo (Sound Design) has been involved in nearly every facet of theatre production from directing and performing, to tech crew and sound design. He won the category of Best Sound Design in Broadway World Cleveland's "2022 Regional Awards" for *RENT* at Cassidy Theatre. Other production credits include: *Into the Woods* (Director – Olde Towne Hall Theatre), *The World According to Snoopy!* (Director - OTHT), *Mamma Mia!* (Harry Bright – OTHT), *Kinky Boots* (Sound Design – Cassidy Theatre). Vic is thankful for the support and encouragement of his family and friends.



Melanie Leibold (Choreographer) Melanie is thrilled to be returning for this revival production. With over twenty years of experience, Melanie's work has been seen all over Northeast Ohio. Favorite credits include: *Guys and Dolls* (Adelaide), *The Rocky Horror Show* (Janet), *42nd Street* (Lorraine Flemming), and *Chicago* (June). Favorite choreography credits include *RENT*, *Oklahoma!*, *West Side Story*, *Chicago*, and *Anything Goes*. Many thanks to Brenton, Mike, David, Georgia, Jen, Amy and family and friends.



Amy McSweeney (Asst Director) is excited to be back helping Brenton out for this wonderful tale as old as time. Just recently Amy directed *Guys and Dolls* here at Cassidy. Amy is a member of the board of trustees at Cassidy. Amy has worked in many community theaters over the years and is so grateful to the impact theater has had on her life. When Amy is not doing theater, she spends her time working in multi-family housing management. Amy is also a licensed real estate agent. Amy wants to thank Erich for his love and support, she couldn't do shows without him to keep the house together and take care of the fur babies.



Shawna Melnykowski (Scenic and Lighting Design) is happy to be returning to Cassidy Theatre after a 20 year hiatus. Shawna had been the Technical Director at Parma Senior High for the past 23 years until it closed in June. She also works as part-time theater staff at Tri-C, where she has been for 27 years. She has enjoyed designing sets and lighting for many community theaters over the years. She is a proud wife and mother of 4 children. She would like to thank her mom for all her help from childcare to set building. In her spare time, Shawna is a Sunday school teacher and trustee of her church, Independence UMC and a gymnastic coach for Sokol Greater Cleveland. She is the Scoutmaster in Girl Scout Troops 652, Assistant Cubmaster of Pack 652 and Advisor for Venture Crew 652. She currently holds the position of Membership Coordinator for the Ridge-Brook PTA and is a CPR/First Aid and Wilderness First Aid instructor for the American Red Cross. She is excited to be back working with the wonderful people at Cassidy. Break a leg!



Georgia Muttillio (Producer) has been a staple for Cassidy Theatre for decades. Serving as Vice President on the Board of Trustees, as well as producing countless productions, and even has appeared in numerous productions throughout Northeast Ohio. Georgia is a jack of all trades. Georgia's favorite productions she's produced are *The Addams Family* and *The 39 Steps*. Some of Georgia's favorite productions she's been seen in onstage are *Bonnie and Clyde*, *Plaza Suite*, and *Gypsy*. Georgia is thankful for the many patrons that come thru our doors every season, as well as all of the volunteers and staff who help bring every production to life!



Jen Sindyla (Stage Manager) is the resident stage manager, Youth Summer Camp director, and board member here at Cassidy. She is an active board member for Independence Community Theater where she is the Youth Summer Camp Director and has directed *Once Upon a Mattress*, and *Godspell*. In addition to Cassidy and ICT, Jen is also on the board of directors at The Brecksville Theatre and works as the Summer Camp Director. Favorite onstage roles include *Annie* (Miss Hannigan) and *Nunsense* (Sister Robert Anne). Jen also Co-Directed Cassidy Theatre's first teen production of *Legally Blonde Jr*. She holds a BA in theater from Baldwin-Wallace - but theater is just Jen's "hobby job." During the day she works for the Cleveland Metropolitan Schools teaching 4th and 5th grades.



Katie Wells (Costumer) is thrilled to continue her work at Cassidy Theatre as resident costume designer. After attending CSU with a Scholarship in Costume Design, her designs have been seen on stages and screens through out Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland. Over the last decade she has held over 9 design residencies in Northeast Ohio. She has won several awards for her costume designs including a Certificate of Honor from the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts. Also an actor she is a proud Actor's Equity Membership Candidate. You can see her ON stage making her Playhouse Square acting debut this fall as Agnes in the two person drama *Ludlow Fair*. Thank you for supporting local theatre!



Gretchen Woods (Properties Designer) is back for yet another production at Cassidy. In many productions here and at French Creek Theatre and Clague Playhouse, she's done a little bit of everything: building sets, making papier-mâché cows, running a spotlight, assembling fake drugs out of pantry items, assisting with quick changes, helping actors run lines, and making certain a haunted door is appropriately squeaky are just a few highlights. Many thanks to her family for being "voluntold" that they are helping build sets, and for putting up with the late nights and improvised meals that go along with (community) showbiz!

Welcome to Parma Heights and thank you for joining us in this 50th Year Celebration of community theatre in Parma Heights. The dedicated work of the Cassidy Theatre Board of Directors, actors, musicians, lighting, sound, props, directors, and volunteers is inspiring and appreciated. We are very proud to have one of the finest community theatres of Northeast Ohio in our city.

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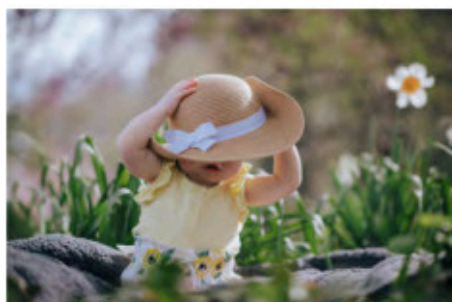
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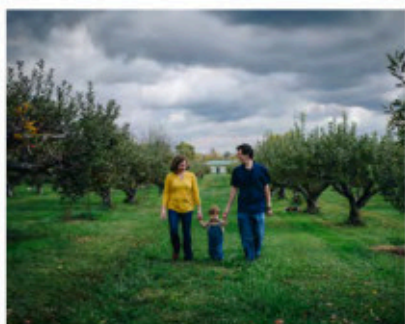
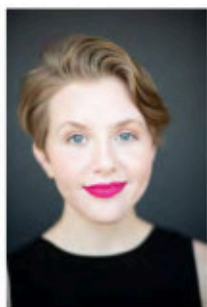
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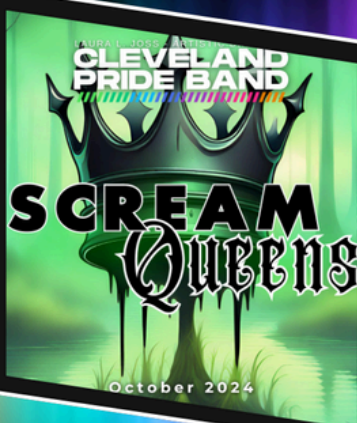
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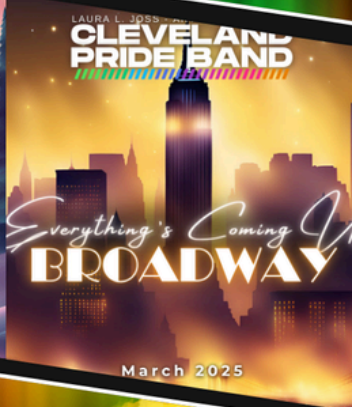
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I know you will join me in continuing to support the work of the countless staff and volunteers that make our community theatre one of the finest in Northeast Ohio. Their dedication to producing high-quality productions and engaging with the community is truly inspiring. The performing arts are an essential part of a thriving community, and the Cassidy Theatre is a shining example of this belief in action.

It is with tremendous pleasure that I fully support the Cassidy Theatre throughout their 2024 Main Stage season.



Marie Gallo
Mayor of Parma Heights