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Book by
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Do it Best Corp. is proud to support the many local nonprofit organizations and charitable causes in our community, including the outstanding artistic contributions from the Civic Theatre. We're pleased to be able to sponsor the modern classic *Beauty and the Beast* as we celebrate the Civic Theatre's 90th anniversary with everyone.

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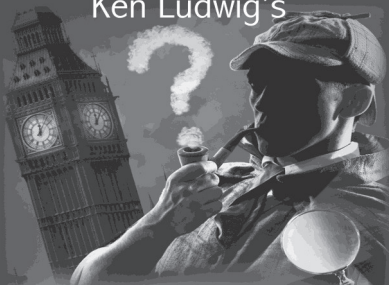


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The Fort Wayne Civic Theatre is proud to celebrate our 90th Anniversary Season - providing live theatrical experiences since the 1927-1928 Season.

Thank you for joining us for our 90th Season opening production of Disney's *Beauty And The Beast*. We have such a great season planned including productions of *Jekyll & Hyde*, *White Christmas*, *La Cage Aux Folles* and *Buyer & Cellar*. Other special events include:

Celebrities Act Up: TV Land LIVE
our annual fundraiser on Saturday, October 14, 2017
featuring Civic Theatre Past Presidents.
see page 32 for details.

Hosting a Food Bank Drive for
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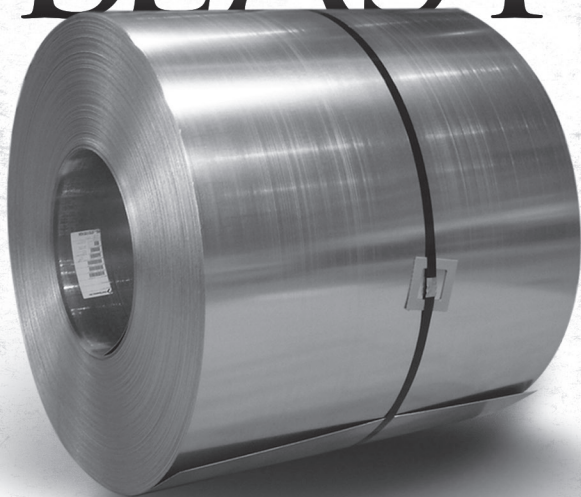
Anthony Awards to feature a
90th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, May 20, 2018.

We hope you will consider making a tax-deductible contribution to Fort Wayne Civic Theatre's general operating funds and to our 100th Anniversary Endowment Campaign. Refer to page 13 in your program book for more information. Please help us secure the future of live theatre for generations to come!

On behalf of the Civic Theatre staff and board of directors, we value you, our patrons, volunteers and community partners. We hope you will encourage your friends and family members to join us for our 90th Anniversary Season! We are honored to serve you, the community, in fulfilling our vision and mission!

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DIRECTOR'S NOTES - JOHN TOLLEY



Welcome to the French countryside at the end of the Baroque era in the eighteenth century. With Civic Theatre's production of *Beauty and the Beast*, you are invited into the Disney fairy tale of a young woman on a quest for meaning in life beyond the confines of her small, rural village, and the "Beast" she discovers in an enchanted castle. All of the pillars of great story-telling are here: the passion for adventure, the importance of family, the meaning of the fearsome forest through which the travelers must journey, the courage to

confront the unknown, the triumph of love and understanding over fear mongering and deceit. All the ingredients create this hallmark of a perfect fairy tale. What is unexpected is how relevant this fantasy is to the times through which we are living.

Fairy tales are one way a culture tells the story of the values it holds dear. Those values identify the history that the culture bequeaths to future generations. And as history has often illustrated, those who ignore it are doomed to repeat it. This fairy tale offers us wisdom that addresses these times in which we are living.

In touching revelation, Belle and the Beast discover they have at least one important aspect of their lives in common: they are outsiders; he a Beast whose appearance makes him an object of scorn and fear, she an odd, bookish girl who stubbornly refuses to step into the societal roles her community demands and respects in its women. They are "other-ed" by the people of the village, to be avoided, to be feared and ultimately to be eliminated. The most haunting lyric for this director in the whole production is when the townspeople sing in anger as Gaston incites their fear: "We don't like what we don't understand. In fact, it scares us... Bring your guns; bring your knives... We'll save our village and our lives. We'll kill the Beast."

The man who wrote those stirring lyrics was Howard Ashman. While he was creating this loving fantasy with musicians Alan Menken and Tim Rice, he was dying of AIDS, a secret he kept from his colleagues until just before the animated film was released. He died in 1991, posthumously winning the Academy Award for the title song, "Beauty and the Beast." It is not difficult to imagine that Howard Ashman was writing out of his own life experience; frightened into silence because of the misapprehension and fear of his disease. He was an "other-ed" outsider in the early years of a misunderstood epidemic, just as Native Americans were "other-ed" by European settlers, African slaves by the Confederate establishment, Jews by the twentieth-century Nazi regime, and Muslims by a wary, western, contemporary world.

If there is any plea that this family-friendly, sentimental fairy tale carries to those who experience it, it is this: despite all of our dissimilarities, we are far more alike than we are different. Getting to know what we don't understand is the honorable way to bridge differences and build respect. To see ourselves in the eyes of others whose life expressions are unlike our own is the challenge offered to people of integrity by a complex Beast, a beautiful young girl, enchanted objects in a magic castle in this once upon a time fairy tale.

DIRECTOR'S NOTES - JOHN TOLLEY

It has truly been an honor for me as Director to work with such gifted performers. You will delight in the evidence of this as you experience the multi-talented cast sing, dance and act their ways into your hearts. But equally important are the artists behind the scenes. Leslie Beauchamp's choreography sparkles as brightly as her warm personality and her love of the theater. Eunice Wadewitz's musical skill and sensitivity are unmatched in this city's rich culture, and Adam Fletcher's set design and Corey Lee's technical design are as fine as you will discover in any theater across the country. The support of our stage managers, costume designers, sound, properties and publicity design are invaluable and as professional as one would find anywhere. In deepest humility, I sincerely thank them. Creating *Beauty and the Beast* together with them has been extraordinarily joyful work.

So, let me encourage you to suspend your disbelief while experiencing this "tale as old as time," and be moved by its critical message wrapped up in all the ingredients of a perfect fairy tale. Fort Wayne's finest talents on-stage and back stage, have prepared it for you with joy, and in that spirit, we offer it back to you.

JOHN TOLLEY (DIRECTOR) is an Affiliate Professor of Arts in Ministry at Meadville Lombard Theological School at the University of Chicago. Before his tenure in Chicago, he served religious congregations for twenty-two years, beginning as the Minister of Drama/Artistic Director at First Presbyterian Theater here in Fort Wayne. Subsequently, he served churches in Memphis, Tennessee, Montclair, New Jersey, and Westport, Connecticut. He holds a PhD in Educational Theatre from New York University and has taught in that discipline at NYU, the City University of New York (CUNY), Goshen College and now at Meadville Lombard. His portfolio includes over one-hundred-twenty dramatic productions, one recent one being the well-received production of *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* which he directed for Civic Theatre's 2014-2015 season. Academically, he has also published on the topics of religious education, religious art and ministry and LGBTQ issues. John is honored to be directing again for Fort Wayne Civic Theatre and delighted to be working with such a young, talented and energetic cast and crew.



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Babette.....	Lindsay Hoops
Madame de la Grande Bouche.....	Renee Gonzales
Lefou.....	Anthony Winebrenner
Monsieur D'Arque, Bookseller.....	Brad Beauchamp
Silly Girl, Napkin.....	Anya Goulouff
Silly Girl, Creamer.....	Audra Rittenhouse
Silly Girl, Napkin.....	Rebecca Short
Townsperson, Salt.....	Emma Beauchamp
Sausage Curl Girl, Napkin.....	Valleri Bowman
Hat Seller, Spoon.....	Jacob Burbrink
Candle Man, Eggbeater.....	Brock Burkholder
Lady With Cane, Plate.....	Megan Buss
Fish Man, Knife, Wolf.....	Nick Kidd Chaney
Young Prince, Townsperson, Spatula.....	Holden Davenport
Townsperson, Cheese Grater.....	Joe Foltz
Egg Man, Carpet, Wolf.....	Freddy Fuelling
Lady With Baby, Napkin, Caryatid.....	Amber Harding
Townsperson, Cheese Grater.....	Austin Johnson
Shepherd Boy, Pepper, Wolf.....	Alex Leavell
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Townsperson, Fork, Wolf.....	Daniel Meredith
Townsperson, Measuring Spoons.....	Noah Moreno
Milkmaid, Napkin.....	Clare Ramel
Townsperson, Plate.....	Lisa Ramos
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Townsperson, Corkscrew.....	Donavan Stone
Baker, Coffee Grinder.....	Kirby A. Volz
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Pit Ensemble

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Tim Beeler - Bass

John Renz - Percussion

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

ACT ONE

Prologue: The Castle Gate

Scene One: The Town

"Belle".....Belle, Gaston, Lefou,
Silly Girls, Bookseller, Baker, Villagers

Scene Two: Exterior Belle's Cottage

"No Matter What".....Maurice, Belle
"No Matter What" (Reprise).....Maurice

Scene Three: The Forest

Wolf Chase

Scene Four: The Castle Interior

Scene Five: Exterior Belle's Cottage

"Me".....Gaston, Belle
"Belle" (Reprise).....Belle

Scene Six: The Castle Interior

"Is This Home?".....Belle
"Is This Home?" (Reprise).....Mrs. Potts

Scene Seven: The Tavern

"Gaston".....Lefou, Gaston, Silly Girls, Village Men
"Gaston" Reprise.....Gaston, Lefou

Scene Eight: The Castle Interior

"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

15 Minute Intermission

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

ACT TWO

Entr'acte

Scene One: The Forest

Wolf Chase

Scene Two: The Castle Interior

"Something There".....Belle, Beast, Lumiere,
Cogsworth, Mrs. Potts

"Human Again".....Lumiere, Madame de la Grande Bouche,
Cogsworth, Mrs. Potts, Babette,
Chip, Enchanted Objects

Scene Three: The Tavern

"Maison des Lunes".....Gaston, Lefou, Monsieur D'Arque

Scene Four: The Castle

"Beauty and the Beast".....Mrs. Potts

"If I Can't Love Her" (Reprise).....Beast

Scene Exterior Belle's Cottage

"The Mob Song".....Gaston, Villagers

Scene The Castle Interior

The Battle

"Is This Home?" (Reprise).....Belle

Transformation/Finale.....The Company

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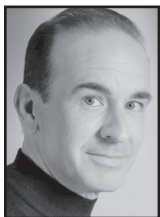
DARBY BIXLER (Belle) is very excited to return to the Civic stage after a three year absence, during which she graduated from The American Academy of Dramatic Arts and toured with The Missoula Children's Theatre. Her favorite roles include Rebecca in *The Factory Girls*, Cinderella in *Into The Woods*, and the title role in *Violet*. A huge thank you to John, Eunice, and Leslie for allowing her to cross this role off her bucket list. She'd also like to give an ongoing thank you to Kent, Jill and Dana Bixler for their continual love and support!

ANDREW SHERMAN (Beast) is excited to be returning to the Civic stage portraying his favorite Disney character! Past theatrical credits include *Wizard of Oz*, *Jesus Christ Super Star* at USF, *Next To Normal* with TRMT, *Les Misérables* at Civic, *Sweeney Todd*, and *Rent* with FWSMT. Andrew is currently the assistant director of the Homestead Show Choirs as well as an active clinician, choreographer, and adjudicator for many high school & middle school show choirs in the Midwest. Andrew would like to thank his extended family and Sue & Elizabeth Sherman for their continuous love and support!

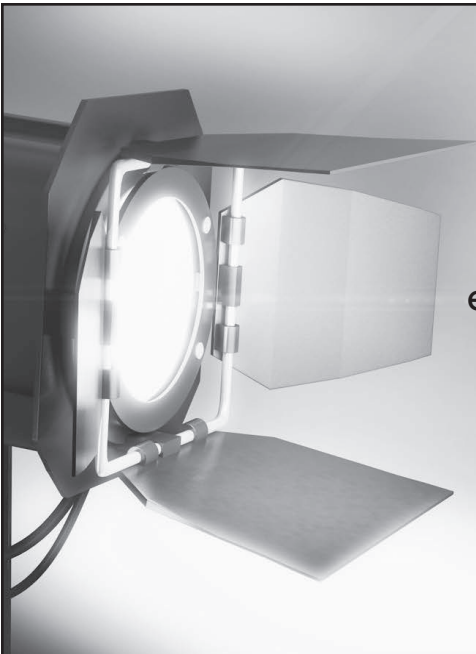


JIMMY MITCHELL (Gaston) is returning to the Civic for the first time since 2013. Past civic credits include Marius in *Les Misérables*, Joe in *9 to 5*, and the Herald in *Cinderella*. Other Fort Wayne credits include *Songs for a New World* at Plymouth, Peter in *Company* at Arena, and The Priest in *The Light In The Piazza* at Three Rivers Music Theatre. "Special thanks to my parents, grandma, and the ever so foxy Babette!"

SCOTT D. RUMAGE (Maurice) has been a regular at the Civic Theatre for several years. He appeared last season as Scrooge in *A Christmas Carol*, the year before as Ernst Ludwig in *Cabaret*, and the season prior as King Arthur in *Spamalot*. He claims that he is having a great deal of fun on stage performing in all of these musicals even though he prefers comedies; maybe he'll be able to find a few laughs in this script. He last performed with the director John Tolley in *The Farnsworth Invention* earning Scott an Anthony Award.



MICHAEL NELABORIGE (Lumiere) is a four-time Anthony Award winner who was last seen at the Civic as song-and-dance man Phil Davis in *White Christmas*. Other notable roles on this stage include the proper Elyot Chase in *Private Lives*, the soggy Don Lockwood in *Singin' in The Rain*, the nerdy Frankie in *Forever Plaid*, and the "illuminating" Lumiere in *Beauty and the Beast* (2007). At IPFW, he's portrayed El Gallo in *The Fantasticks* and tap-happy Mike in *A Chorus Line*. To Mike Post, his amazing partner of 19 years...*Merci mille fois!*



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CHRIS RASOR (Cogsworth) was last seen at the Civic as Brad in *The Rocky Horror Show*. A five time Anthony Award winner, recent credits include Rod in *Avenue Q*, Bert in *Mary Poppins*, Bobby Childs in *Crazy For You*, Greg and Mark in *A Chorus Line*, Frank Abagnale Jr. in *Catch Me If You Can* and Dick in *Dames At Sea*. Chris teaches music at FWCS and is the resident choreographer for Northrop and Homestead's Girls Show Choirs. Thank you to my friends and family especially my wife Stacey and daughters Eden and Emery for all their love and support.

CARLEEN REYNOLDS (Mrs. Potts) is beyond excited to be returning to the Civic stage after feeling blessed to be a part of the great show *Memphis!* While that was her very first Civic Theatre show, Carleen is no stranger to the stage. She has done many great shows which include *Dreamgirls*, *Ragtime*, *A Raisin In the Sun*, *Music Man*, *My Fair Lady*, and *Hair*. Carleen is married to her wonderful husband Gregory Reynolds and they have a beautiful 6 year old daughter Chelsea Reynolds. Carleen wants to give all praises to God from whom all blessings flow!



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TORI BURKE (Chip) appeared at Civic as Fish, Courtier in *The Little Mermaid*, as Grace in *Annie* at Deer Ridge Elementary and as a singer in SCORE at the Embassy Theatre. An 8th grade student at Woodside Middle School, Tori loves to horseback ride, sing, play the cello and act. "I'm so glad to be part of this show! I would like to thank the Burke Family for supporting my passion for musical theatre! I would also like to thank Fernando T. for helping me work to develop my voice."



LINDSAY HOOPS (Babette) is thrilled to be back at the Civic! *Beauty and the Beast* (2007) was her first ever Civic production. Favorite Civic and other local credits include: Cosette in *Les Misérables*, Judy Bernly in *9 to 5*, Susan in *Company*, Clara u/s, Tour Guide in *The Light in the Piazza*, Rachel in *Reckless* and Penelope Pennywise in *Urinetown*. In Chicago, Lindsay did commercials, staged readings, cabarets at Davenport's, Chicago Artists Chorale (3 sessions) and Kat/Catherine u/s in *Tomorrow Morning* at Kokandy. This magic is

for my family with some extra special love to Gaston.

RENEE GONZALES (Madame de la Grande Bouche) was last seen at the Civic as Missy in *The Marvelous Wonderettes*. Recent credits: Franca in *The Light in the Piazza* and Tribe Soloist in *Hair* with Three Rivers Music Theatre, Antonina Tchaikovsky in *Tchaikovsky: Revealed* and Soloist for Holiday Pops Tour with FW Philharmonic. Civic roles: Gingy/Sugar Plum in *Shrek*, Christine Colgate in *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, Kathy Selden in *Singin' In the Rain*. Bachelor's in Musical Theatre from Ball State University. Vocal Instructor at Triple Threat Performing Arts. Thanks to family, TTPA team, Brian, and friends. For more info: reneegonzales.com and triplethreatfw.com.



ANTHONY WINEBRENNER (Lefou) is thrilled to return to Civic after a long hiatus. Civic roles: Smudge in *Forever Plaid: Plaid Tidings*, Dauntless in *Once Upon a Mattress*, and Ensemble in *Thoroughly Modern Millie* and *Beauty And The Beast* (2007). While acting is a passion, nothing tops being a husband and father. "Thanks to my family for the incredible support, time, effort, sacrifice and, to my parents for the crazy amount of babysitting they provided! Erin, Rizzo, Cam, Dax, and Cletus the Fetus (appearing in

October), I love you and hope this makes you proud."

BRAD BEAUCHAMP (M. D'Arque, Bookseller) is a 30-year veteran of the local theatre scene and well known to area audiences as both actor and director. A seven-time Anthony Award recipient for his accomplishments in acting, some of Brad's favorite roles include: Will Rogers in *The Will Rogers Follies* at USF, Max Bialystock in *The Producers*, Eugene in *Biloxi Blues* and Pseudolus in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* at Civic Theatre; Professor Harold Hill in *The Music Man* and Teach in *American Buffalo* at IPFW and Moonface Martin in *Anything Goes* at Arena.





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According to the National Department of Education and the National Endowment for the Arts, "arts learning experiences can alter the attitudes of young people toward themselves and each other. For example, students involved in sustained theater arts (scene study, acting techniques, and dramatic or musical theater production) often show gains not only in reading proficiency, but also in self-control and motivation and in empathy and tolerance for others. Learning in and through the arts can even help students overcome the obstacles of disadvantaged backgrounds."

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ANYA GOULOFF (Silly Girl, Napkin) is so excited to make her return to the Civic stage! She previously appeared in the Civic's production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and is so grateful to be returning to the Civic family. Other favorite roles include Alexi Darling in *Rent*, Little Red in *Into the Woods*, and Hedy in *How to Succeed in Business*. Anya would like to thank her mom and dad for their endless support, her sister Ali for bringing her back down to earth, and her dog Olive for the endless snuggles.



AUDRA ELIZABETH RITTENHOUSE (Silly Girl, Napkin) is from Huntington, Indiana, and raised by Ray and Brenda Rittenhouse. She has been involved in music and various choral and theater productions from a young age. Audra graduated from Huntington University with a Bachelor of Arts in Music, which qualifies her as a private vocal instructor. She has performed in such musicals as *Singin' In The Rain*, *Seven Brides For Seven Brothers*, *Peter Pan*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Mary Poppins*, *A Christmas Carol The Musical*, and most recently, the Civic's production of *The Little Mermaid*.

REBECCA SHORT (Silly Girl, Napkin) is very excited to return to the Civic. She previously performed in *Shrek the Musical* as Young Fiona, in which she was nominated for an Anthony Award. Her favorite credits include Candy in *Saturday Night Fever*, Brigitta in *The Sound of Music*, Pegeen in *Orphan Train*, Enid Arabella in *Buccaneers*, Soupy Sue in *Urinetown* and Violet and Veruca in *Willy Wonka*. She is currently in show choir at Huntington North. She also recently placed 5th at Northridge Solo Competition.



EMMA BEAUCHAMP (Townsperson, Salt) is a recent UIndy Graduate with a BS in Exercise Science and AAS in PTA. Emma is happy to be back home and once again appearing on the Civic Stage. Emma's stage credits include USF productions of *The Will Rogers Follies*, *Xanadu*, and *Jesus Christ Superstar*; Civic Theatre productions of *Hairspray*, *big, the Musical* and *Annie*; Arena Theatre's productions of *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, *Gypsy*, and *6 RMS RV VU*; and FWSMT productions of *Rent*, *Titanic* and *Sweeney Todd*. "Thanks to

Ava, Mom, Dad, and Alex."

VALLERI BOWMAN (Sausage Curl Girl, Napkin) is thrilled to be returning to the stage for her third Civic performance! A sophomore theatre major at IPFW, recent shows include at Civic Theatre *The Little Mermaid* as Arista and *The Rocky Horror Show* as a Phantom. With IPFW - *The Ballad of 423 and 424* as Roberta and *Six Characters in Search of an Author* as Ingenue. She would like to thank all her family and friends for their continuous love and support.



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JACOB BURBINK (Hat Seller, Spoon) is making his debut with the Fort Wayne Civic Theatre. He performed in his first musical last year in *The Music Man* with the South Bend Civic Theatre. He is fairly new to the theater scene with a degree in Telecommunications and Journalism from Ball State. He is usually found managing the website and social media for ABC21.

BROCK BURKHOLDER (Candle Man, Eggbeater) is making his Civic Theatre debut in *Beauty And The Beast*. He is a passionate visual artist, and also enjoys singing and dancing as well as acting and playing the guitar. Brock is a recent graduate of Woodlan High School in Woodburn where he appeared as Jesus in the musical *Godspell*.



MEGAN BUSS (Lady With Cane, Plate) is making her Civic debut! This fall she will be a junior at Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne as a musical theatre major. Most recently, Megan appeared in IPFW's *Little Shop of Horrors* as Audrey. Other recent productions include Leading Lady in *Six Characters in Search of an Author* and Lane in *Road*, both productions at IPFW. "I would like to thank my parents, boyfriend, and friends for always supporting me, and my dog, Pookey, for always putting up with my hectic schedule!"

NICK KIDD CHANEY (Fish Man, Knife, Wolf) is very happy to be on the Civic stage one last time for his final performance in Fort Wayne for a while. You may have seen him on the stage previously as Pinocchio in *Shrek*, Leaf Conebear in *Spelling Bee*, Bob Cratchit / Young Ebenezer in *A Christmas Carol* and Scuttle in *The Little Mermaid*. Other theatre credits include Woof in *HAIR* and Edgar the Bat Boy in *Bat Boy*. "I would like to thank my family for their support and faith in my talent. I would also like to thank Amber Harding for sticking by my side!"



HOLDEN DAVENPORT (Young Prince, Townsperson, Spatula) is excited to be in his first show at the Civic Theatre. You may have seen him recently as Gangster #1 in *Kiss Me Kate* at Homestead High School. While at Homestead he also appeared in *The Music Man*, *Guys and Dolls* and *Crazy for You*. This fall Holden heads to Ohio Northern University to pursue a degree in musical theatre. He'd like to thank his parents for the constant support, and Kolin for the magic.

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JOE FOLTZ (Townsperson, Cheese Grater 1) is making his debut on the main stage at Civic! He has come with a degree in classical vocal music from IPFW under the study of Dr. Sam Savage. Mr. Foltz is thrilled to be part of this and more Civic productions to come!



FREDDY FUELLING (Egg Man, Carpet, Wolf) is a 4th year Theatre Major with an emphasis in Musical Theatre/Dance at Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne. Freddy's recent shows include *Stupid F*cking Bird*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Six Characters in Search of an Author*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Come Back to the Five and Dime*, *Jimmy Dean*, *Merrily We Roll Along*, and *Anything Goes*. Freddy is also an apprentice dancer for the local professional modern company Mikautadze Dance Theatre. Freddy would like to

thank his family and friends for all their support, especially his mom.

AMBER HARDING (Lady With Baby, Napkin, Caryatid) is thrilled to be back for her 4th Civic show. She was last seen on stage in *Memphis* and was an Anthony Award nominee for best dancer as a Phantom in *The Rocky Horror Show*. Her favorite past credits include Glinda in *The Wizard of Oz* at Saint Francis and Liat in *South Pacific* at Arena Dinner Theatre. She will be moving to Orlando this fall to pursue a career in musical theatre and stage performance. She would like to thank her friends and family for always supporting her and Nick for joining her on this crazy journey.



AUSTIN JOHNSON (Townsperson, Cheese Grater) is thrilled to be making his Civic Theatre debut in *Beauty and The Beast*. A student at Homestead High School, Austin has appeared in their productions of *Phantom of the Opera*, *Crazy For You*, and most recently *Kiss Me Kate*. "I would like to thank Mr. Wennings as my vocal instructor. I would also like to encourage people to never let anyone else try to hold you back from reaching your potential or knowing your worth."



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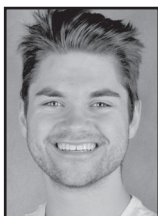
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ALEX LEAVELL (Shepherd Boy, Pepper, Wolf) This is Alex's third time gracing the Civic Theatre stage. His previous credits include *The Rocky Horror Show* (Anthony Award Nominee) and *Memphis*. Alex has also done shows at University of Saint Francis as the Tin Man in *The Wizard of Oz* and as ensemble in *Jesus Christ Superstar*. He would like to thank his family, the Beauchamps, and his high school theatre teacher, Tim Miller, for their guidance and support.

LORI LEONARD (Aristocratic Lady, Sugar Bowl) is happy to be back in the enchanted castle in the French countryside conveniently located on the Civic stage. She was last seen in her Anthony Award winning role as the Bird Woman in *Mary Poppins*. She has also appeared as Prudy Pingleton in *Hairspray*, *The Sound of Music*, *Annie*, and as Dorothy in *The Ladies in Cabin 10*. Lori played Mrs. Potts in both previous Civic productions of *Beauty and The Beast*. Lori is the French teacher at Blackhawk Christian School. Lori thanks her family and friends for their love and support!



DANIEL MEREDITH (Townsperson, Fork, Wolf) is very happy to return to the Civic stage this summer having appeared as Zebulun/Apache Dancer in *Joseph...* a year ago. He received an Anthony Award for Outstanding Male Dancer for that performance. A 2017 Homestead graduate, Daniel has acted in multiple productions in town including *Guys and Dolls*, *The Music Man*, *Hairspray*, *Father of the Bride*, *You Can't Take it With You*, *Kiss Me Kate* and *Rent*. Daniel was also a member of Homestead's showchoir, Class Royale. "I would like to thank my loving parents who always support me, I love you guys."

NOAH MORENO (Townsperson, Measuring Spoons) is very blessed and excited to be taking part in his first Civic production and his sixteenth show. A senior at Northrop High School, previous credits include Sir Danvers Carew in *Jekyll and Hyde*, Francis Nurse in *The Crucible*, and Horton the Elephant in *Seussical The Musical*. Noah enjoys performing in Northrop High School's mixed show choir, Charisma, attending soloist competitions, along with numerous other activities. Noah hopes to pursue a degree in musical theatre and would like to thank his family, friends, and mentors for all of their love and support.



CLARE RAMEL (Milk Maid, Napkin) appeared last season in one of her favorite roles as Columbia in Civic's *The Rocky Horror Show*. Other Civic shows include Betty Jean in *The Marvelous Wonderettes*, Texas in *Cabaret* and in the Ensembles for *Joseph...* and *Young Frankenstein*. A 2017 graduate of University of Saint Francis, she played Mary Magdalene in *Jesus Christ Superstar* and has appeared in USF productions of *Xanadu*, *Will Rogers Follies*, *Willy Wonka*, *Catch Me If You Can*, *Picnic* and *Picasso at the Lapine Agile*. Clare is Marketing Coordinator for The History Center.

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LISA RAMOS (Townsperson, Plate) Recent roles at Civic include Scrooge's mother in *A Christmas Carol*, Miss Lark/ Mrs. Corry in *Mary Poppins*, Mama Bear in *Shrek*, Drowsy in *The Drowsy Chaperone* (Anthony Award winner), *Godspell* and *Fiddler on the Roof*. "I love to be in the cast of Civic Theatre productions! I want to thank my family and friends for their love and support."



CAITLINE SOUTHERN (Beggar Woman, Enchantress, Townsperson, Napkin) is delighted to be in her third show at the Civic while previously performing in the wonderful productions of *Mary Poppins* and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. She recently appeared as Emma in *Jekyll and Hyde* and played Grace in *Annie* at Northrop High School. This past spring she graduated salutatorian of Northrop and will be attending the University of Saint Francis in the fall. She wants to thank the Civic for this wonderful

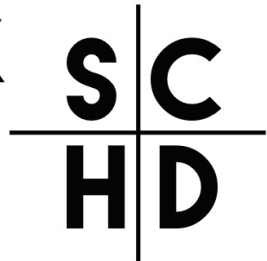
opportunity, and her family and friends for all of their support.

DONAVAN STONE (Townsperson, Corkscrew) is making his Civic debut with *Beauty and The Beast*. Having previously been a member of the Garrett High School show choir and theater department, he is very excited to get back on the stage and to continue with performing. Giving thanks to his family and mentors for their continued support, he hopes everyone thoroughly enjoys this tale as old as time.



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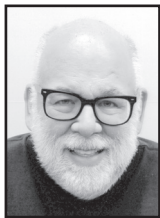
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KIRBY A. VOLZ (Baker, Coffee Grinder) is glad to be back in Fort Wayne since moving from Indianapolis. He is a teacher and the Executive Artistic Director for Fort Wayne Summer Music Theatre. He loves to travel to New York to see theatre and is a HUGE IU Basketball fan. He has a Civic Anthony Award for George in *Big*, and an Arena Award for Best Director for *The Odd Couple*. In Indianapolis he directed *Little Shop of Horrors* for HCT, *Torch Song Trilogy* at Spotlight, and appeared in *Office Hours* and *Bathroom Humor* at Theatre on the Square.

KATHY WHITEMAN (Townsperson, Plate) is excited to be making her Civic debut in *Beauty and The Beast*. She has previously appeared in *Funny Girl* and *Into The Woods* at IPFW and also in *Gershwin Gala* at the historic Embassy Theatre. She currently owns her own face painting company, Fantasy Faces, and serves on the Board of Directors of the Down Syndrome Association of Northeast Indiana (DSANI). She is the proud mama bear to her little cubs Conor, Kaylee, and Ashlyn. "Special thanks to my husband, children, mom, and sister for their amazing support."



JENNIFER GARRETT (Stage Manager) is in her fourth season with the Fort Wayne Civic Theatre. She has been part of the stage management team in past seasons at Civic for *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, *33 Variations*, *The Marvelous Wonderettes*, *Young Frankenstein*, *Avenue Q*, *The Rocky Horror Show* and *One Foot in the Gravy*; and part of crew for *Mary Poppins*.

ASHLEY BRASSELL (Assistant Stage Manager) is very excited to be a part of *Beauty and The Beast*. It has been a joy to work with the actors and production staff on this great production. She wishes to thank all of her friends and family, with special thanks to all the Civic staff for making this possible.



BRITTANY WALSH (Assistant Stage Manager) is excited to make her Assistant Stage Manager debut in the Civic's production of *Beauty and The Beast*. Though she isn't a stranger to being behind the scenes, having been part of the backstage crew for every production of the 89th season, she is eager to learn what goes in and out of the beginning and ending stages of the rehearsal process. She hopes to return for any upcoming productions, and would like to thank Civic's amazing staff for a welcoming approach to the beauty that is community theatre.

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LESLIE BEAUCHAMP (Choreographer) most recently served as Director and Choreographer for Civic Theatre's *Memphis*. She is a familiar face and voice to area audiences, having been involved in our arts and show choir communities for over 25 years. Last seen onstage as Margaret Johnson in TRMT's *The Light in the Piazza*, Leslie is an avid theatre director/choreographer/performer working with Fort Wayne Civic Theatre, USF School of Creative Arts, Arena Theatre, IPFW Dept. of Theatre, First Presbyterian Theater, Fort Wayne Summer Music Theatre, Fort Wayne Youtheatre, Fort Wayne Philharmonic, Ford Theatre at the Honeywell Center, and with the Virginia Symphony Orchestra. In addition to theatrical productions, Leslie has choreographed award winning show choirs throughout Indiana, serves as an adjudicator and motivational clinician, and works as a voice over talent for local, regional, and national companies.



TONIA BROWN (Guest Costume Designer) is a historical reenactor, who specializes in textile arts and the history of fashion back to the ancient Greeks. Tonia is well-known in the reenactment community for her ground-breaking work in experiential archaeology – making costumes using only the techniques and materials that would have been used during that time to make clothes. She is currently pursuing her certificate in Fashion Design at the Style Design College in Milan, Italy and she founded The Harpy & The Hag in 2012, a company that produces historical, fantasy, and cosplay costumes.

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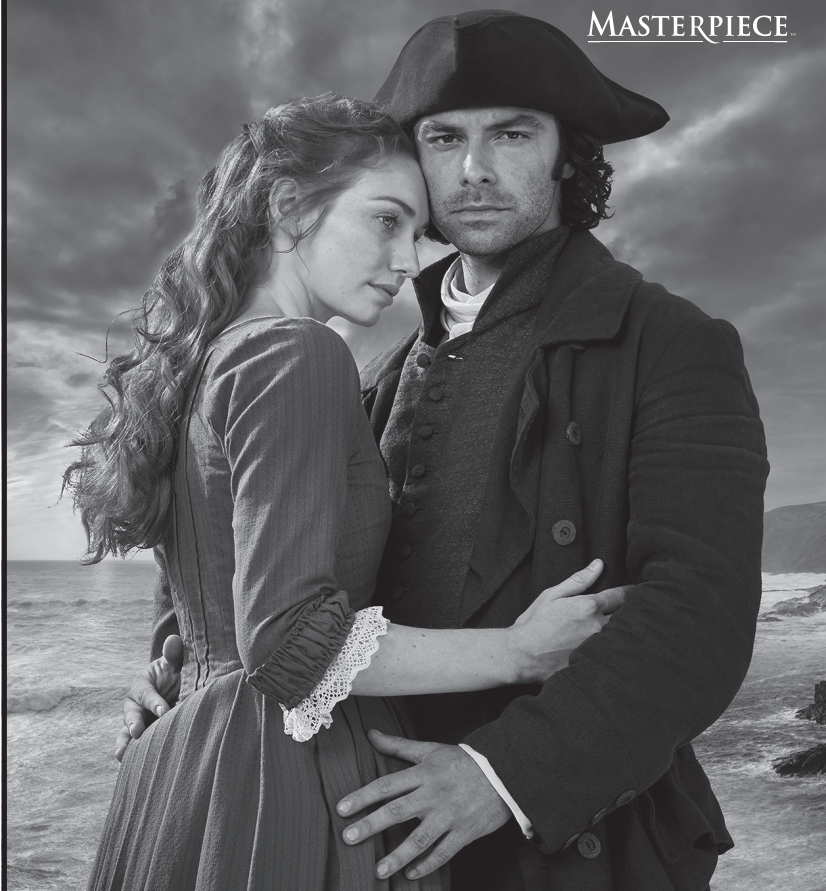
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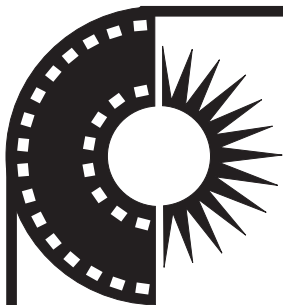
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Technical Interns.....	Ashley Brassell, Jacki Walburn
Build & Paint Crew.....	Mary Anthony, Audrey Bermes, Tina Dancer, Hannah Dreher, Megan Ebbeskotte, JoAnn Espich, Jim Espich, Jared Evans, Sharon Fallon, Kelly Fallon, Kevin Flanagan, Jordan Fletcher, Kelly Galvan, Jordan Gardner, Amanda Gilbert, Diana Hart, Justin Herber, Kamron Imbody, Greg Johnson, Brianna Lisak, Tala Munsterman, Chloe Pratt, Bharat Rajghatte, Jack Render, Shawna Roberts, Dallas Sherman, Anna Sitz, Vickie Sitz, Mark Sitz, Gabrielle Smith, Michele Souder, Kyle Spencer, Bruce Stahl, Donovan Stone, Kara Tharpe, Brittany Walsh, Jennifer Wonderly, Loren Woody
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Spotlights.....	Nan Durant, Tori Reed
Sound Designer & Sound Board Operator.....	Jeremy Bugge
Light Board Operator.....	Ava Beauchamp
Flyrail.....	Shawna Roberts
Flying.....	Ashley Brassell, Tala Munsterman, Shawna Roberts
Props Master.....	Jim Hulbert
Props Assistance.....	Kimee Gearhart
Props Runners.....	Celeste Mondragon, Patrick Swartz
Assistant Costumer.....	Schellie Engelhart
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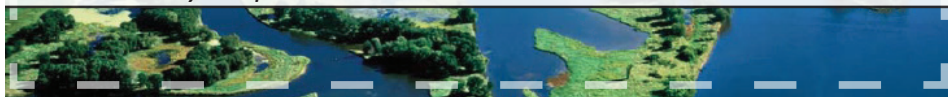
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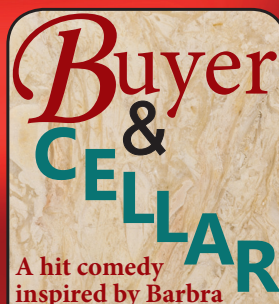
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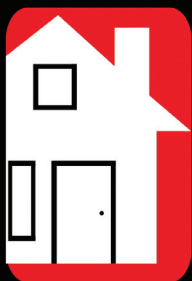


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