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The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center presents  
*Disney's "Beauty and the Beast, Jr."*

March 5th and 6th

***Classic musical tale with a strong lesson about inner beauty  
will enchant Long Island audiences of all ages***



**February 22, 2011,  
Dix Hills, New York –**

The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center and Five Towns College's award-winning theater division will present "Beauty and the Beast, Jr." The crowd-pleasing, limited-run production will be staged March 5 at 11 am and 2 pm, and March 6 at noon and 3 pm. Tickets are \$12, or \$5 for children.

While there have been film versions of the tale every decade since the 1940s, the 1991 Disney adaptation of "Beauty and the Beast" became the first animated film ever nominated for the Academy Award for Best Picture, and went on to win two Oscars for Best Score and Best Song.

"Beauty and the Beast" – the classic fairy tale first published in 1740 -- is the timeless story of the very independent Belle, who is searching for something outside of her provincial

life. Saving her father from a mysterious beast, Belle finds herself imprisoned in the beast's enchanted castle. Through Belle's adventures with the beast whom she comes to love and respect, and a cast full of memorable and beloved characters, Belle learns that a person's value and beauty come from deep within.

The production is being directed by Five Towns College Professor Jodi Gibson. The original Disney and Broadway music was written by Alan Menken with lyrics by Howard Ashman and Tim Rice, with book by Linda Woolverton.

The classic 1991 Disney film included the show stopping theme song sang by Mrs. Potts, a teapot, whose voice characterization was performed by multi-award winning actress Angela Lansbury, who later sang the Oscar winning song at the Academy Awards. The Broadway version of the Disney production closed in 2007 after nearly 5,500 performances.

“We are excited to can make this classic story come to life on our stage,” said Sandy Hinden, Director of the Center. “Children and adults alike will delight in this performance. We take pride in being able to offer a wide variety of excellent performances close to home,” he said. “‘Beauty and the Beast’ will be enjoyed by over 2000 people in the two days. FTC Children’s theater is greatly appreciated by children, parent s and grandparents. Get your tickets soon.”

### **The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center**

*The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center is located at Five Towns College, 305 North Service Road, Dix Hills, New York, 11746-5857. For more information and ticket sales, please contact the Dix Hills Performing Arts Center box office at (631) 656-2148 or visit online at [www.DHPAC.org](http://www.DHPAC.org) \*Become a fan on Facebook! (Dix Hills Performing Arts Center).*

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