



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

A SHOW IN A WEEK – INFORMATION PACK

Thank you for your interest in our latest Odyssey Junior production of *Beauty and the Beast*. This sheet will give you further information about the week and how you can book a place.

WHAT IS IT?

The aim of this week is to teach the students performing arts skills covering acting, singing and dancing and how these disciplines combine to create a performance. We will be working on aspects of characterisation and movement with the aim of putting on a 60-minute production of *Beauty and the Beast* at the end of the week.

WHEN IS IT TAKING PLACE?

The show week runs from **Saturday 15th February 2025** until **Saturday 22nd February 2025**.

The sessions will take place at the following times...

- Sat 15th Feb: 2pm - 4pm
- Sun 16th Feb: NO REHEARSAL
- Mon 17th Feb: 10am - 3pm (4.45pm for main characters)
- Tue 18th Feb: 10am - 3pm (4.45pm for main characters)
- Wed 19th Feb: 10am - 3pm (4pm for main characters)
- Thu 20th Feb: 10am - 5pm
- Fri 21st Feb: 2pm - 9pm
- Sat 22nd Feb: 1pm - 4pm then 6pm - 9pm

WHERE IS IT TAKING PLACE?

The week takes place at Wykham Theatre, Wykham Park Academy which has a fantastic fully equipped theatre and is a perfect location for a 'show in a week'.

HOW OLD DO THEY NEED TO BE?

The Odyssey Juniors show is open to children in Years 4 to 8 who will be supported by an experienced team of adults who specialise in youth theatre.

WHAT WILL THEY BE DOING?

Each day will begin with a warm-up and then students will go into rehearsals for the show. This will involve being taught dance routines, blocking acting scenes and running through the songs.

WHAT DO THEY NEED TO BRING/WEAR?

Students should wear comfortable clothes in which to move and wear trainers or dance shoes for rehearsals. They will need to bring a packed lunch every day and plenty of snacks/drinks to keep them going. There is a kitchen so water bottles can be refilled as the day goes on.

They will also need to bring their scripts with them each day and a pencil/rubber to be able to make notes and mark up their script.

WILL THEY BE EXPECTED TO DO ANYTHING AT HOME?

If the student has been given a speaking part, there will be an expectation that they have learned their words prior to the show week so may just need to run over them in the evening. We may also ask them to go over a song or to recap some moves before the next day.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The cost of this course is just £160 for the week and covers everything.

ARE THERE ANY WORKSHOPS BEFORE THE SHOW WEEK?

Before the week, there are a series of workshops which are designed to introduce the students to the show, to allocate the parts (auditions) and to start working on some of the musical numbers and dance routines before the actual week. We would encourage all students to attend these workshops as our approach to rehearsals can sometimes feel very different to a traditional “teaching” environment in that we fully focused on producing a show. The audition pieces will be issued in November at the Taster Day and emailed out to all those who have signed up.

WHEN ARE THE WORKSHOPS?

Sunday 17 th November:	TASTER DAY	10am - 12pm
Sunday 24 th November:	AUDITIONS	1pm - 4pm
Sunday 12 th January:	WORKSHOP 1	1pm - 4pm
Sunday 26 th January:	WORKSHOP 2	1pm - 4pm
Sunday 9 th February:	WORKSHOP 3	1pm - 4pm

All workshops take place at St Mary’s Primary School in Banbury.

ARE THERE ANY HIDDEN EXTRAS?

No. Anything needed for the week will be covered by the show fee. However, students may be asked to bring in some basic costumes or props from home. We do not expect anyone to go out and buy anything specifically for this production.

The only other thing that you will need to provide is a packed lunch each day and any snacks/drinks.

WHAT HAPPENS IF WE CANNOT ATTEND ALL THE DAYS?

As we are doing this show in reduced rehearsal times, if your child cannot attend any day of the half-term show week they will not be able to be part of the show. As part of the formal application form please confirm if your child cannot attend any of the advance workshops, as this will be important for us to know so that we can be prepared for the show week.

HOW DO I BOOK A PLACE?

You can book a place by completing the online application form on our website.

You will then need to pay the course fee. This can be done by bank transfer to

Odyssey Theatrical Productions Ltd.
Sort Code: 20-03-84
Account No: 53412385
Reference: ‘Surname’ – BATB

The course fee can be split into two instalments with **£80 due by Sunday 24th November** and the balance of **£80 due by Sunday 12th January** at the latest.

IS THERE A DEADLINE FOR BOOKING PLACES?

Yes. In order for us to prepare the necessary materials and to plan the sessions, any remaining places must be booked by **Sunday 12th January** at the latest.

WHAT IF I STILL HAVE SOME QUESTIONS?

Then please don’t hesitate to get in touch. You can email admin@odysseytheatre.co.uk and we will be happy to answer any questions you have.

The Odyssey Team