

Beauty and the Beast Jr. Audition/Callback Readings – Lakewood, 2023

Belle/Mrs. Potts Monologues

1. Good morning bookseller! I've come to return the book I borrowed. I just couldn't put it down; it's my favorite. Far-off places, daring sword fights, magic spells, a prince in disguise. Books take me to wonderful places where there's adventure and mystery and romance and..happy endings.

2. (to the Beast)

Let me see. Don't do that! If you'd hold still it wouldn't hurt as much. And if you hadn't frightened me, I wouldn't have run away. You should learn to control your temper! You can't go around ordering people to be hungry. It doesn't work like that!

Beast Monologue

1. You follow me! This is your home now – forever. You can go anywhere you like, except the West Wing – IT IS FORBIDDEN! You are never to set foot there...do you understand? DO YOU UNDERSTAND?? This is your room. I hope you are comfortable here. And one more thing. You will join me for dinner. THAT IS NOT A REQUEST!

2. (Starting to bond with Belle)

So that must mean that Arthur is the king! I never knew books could do that. Take me away from this place and make me forget...for a little while. Forget, who I...WHAT I am. Being different and how lonely that can be. Belle, are you happy here?

Gaston Monologue

Belle, it's about time you got your head out of these books and paid attention to more important things – LIKE ME. The whole town's talking about it. It's not right for a woman to READ. Soon she starts getting ideas and...thinking! You're the lucky girl I'm going to marry. The most beautiful girl in town, that makes you the best, and don't I deserve the best? Of course I do!

Lumiere Monologues

1. Ma chere mademoiselle. It is with deepest pride and greatest pleasure that we welcome you tonight. And now, we invite you to relax, let us pull up a chair as the dining room proudly presents...your dinner!

2. You always were insufferable. But every day, you become just a little more inflexible...a little more tightly wound...a little more ticked off! Ahhh, at least we are not as far gone as some of the others. All I know is...I will eventually melt away to nothing. I only hope there's something left of me if the Master ever breaks the spell!

Cogsworth/Lefou/Maurice Monologue

May I call your attention to our handpainted ceiling, complete with cherubs frolicking in delight amidst the nymphs and centaurs...you will note the unusual inverted archways, yet another example of the late neo-classic baroque period. And...as I always say...if it's not baroque, don't fix it!