



DENNIS GARNHUM, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

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THEATRE CALGARY HOLDS OVER AGAIN,
NOW TILL MAY 4TH!
BECOMES LONGEST RUN IN THEATRE CALGARY HISTORY

DISNEY'S
BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Music by ALAN MENKEN Lyrics by HOWARD ASHMAN and TIM RICE
Book by LINDA WOOLVERTON

March 11 - May 4, 2008 Tickets at TicketMaster
Suitable for ages 5 and up.

Calgary, AB... Due to the overwhelming response and ticket sales for Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*, Theatre Calgary will be running for another extra week from **Tuesday, April 29 - Sunday, May 4, 2008**. **Tickets will be available on Friday (April 4) at 9:30am via TicketMaster.** The show must close after the matinee performance on May 4th.

Theatre Calgary's Artistic Director **Dennis Garnhum** is thrilled with the news. *"At the beginning of the season, we could not have predicted that our 40th Anniversary season would end with the longest run of a show in Theatre Calgary's history. BEAUTY AND THE BEAST has thrilled our audiences for what will now be eight weeks, and given many young children their first experience with live theatre. This season could not have been better or more satisfying."*

Theatre Calgary's President **Tom McCabe** echoes those sentiments. *"We are thrilled with the response of Calgarian's to our 40th anniversary season. Every play from THE WARS to ENCHANTED APRIL has exceeded our expectations. Our season finale of BEAUTY AND THE BEAST is a fitting climax to our celebration and, with the extension to May 4th, it will be the largest selling show ever for our company. We look forward to welcoming everyone back next year for what we think will be just as exciting and rewarding for our patrons."*

Directed by Bob Baker, the artistic director of Edmonton's Citadel Theatre, Theatre Calgary's production of this storybook romance recaptures all the magic, joy and love of Disney's Classic live before your eyes.

Lead by musical director **Don Horsburgh**, *Beauty and the Beast* features an 11-member orchestra. The casting features two newcomers to the Theatre Calgary stage. Starring as Belle is **Kharytia Bilash**, and making his TC debut is **Réjean Cournoyer** as the Beast and Prince.

Rounding out the cast are **Ashley Bjorndal, Shane Carty, Tory Doctor, Carly Fielding, Andrew Gummer, Sean Hauk, Colin Heath, Sara-Jeanne Hosie, Kalie Hunter, Lindsay Kramer, Melissa MacPherson, Mary Ellen Mahoney, Erin Nicholson, Jonathan Purvis, Sean C. Robertson, Joseph Sevillo, Sarah Slywchuk, Thomas Speta, Elizabeth Stepkowski-Tarhan, John Ulyatt, Jason Westlake, Larry Yachimec, Kyle Young.**

The creative team consists of set & costume designer **Leslie Frankish**, lighting designer **Christopher Dennis**, choreographer **Phillip Nero**, sound designer **Peter McBoyle**, stage manager **Cheryl L. Hoover** and assistant stage managers **Ailsa Birnie** and **Michelle Chan**.

Performances at Theatre Calgary run Tuesday thru Sunday with evening curtain at 7:30pm (Tues-Thurs) and 8:00pm (Fri & Sat), weekend matinees at 2:00pm. Tickets range from \$43.00 to \$78.00 and can be purchased through TicketMaster at 299-8888 or online at ticketmaster.ca. All performances take place in the Max Bell Theatre in the Epcor Centre for the Performing Arts. More information can be found at theatrecalgary.com.

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