

For immediate release

Beauty and the Beast

By Stuart Paterson

Directed by Neil Murray

25 November – 31 December 2011

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Everything is magic here!

A merchant who has fallen on hard times stumbles upon a castle and angers the beast who lives within. He is duty-bound to return or send another in his place and, though she's scared, brave Beauty vows to honour her father's word and face the terrible monster.

As the pair gradually overcome their differences and become friends, the malevolent witch Crackjaw plots and schemes to defeat all that is good and pure.

Can Beauty and the Beast stop her evil plan, and prove that love really does conquer all?

Can you the audience aid them in foiling the powers of evil? ... Oh yes you can!!!

Stuart Paterson's plays have long been popular with young audiences, especially at the Lyceum where his *Beauty and the Beast* was first performed in 1986, and we're delighted to welcome him back with his adaptation of this classic and heart warming story.

Director and Designer **Neil Murray** has brought many of Paterson's Christmas shows to life for Northern Stage and his new sumptuous and gothic production promises to have you on the edge of your seat.

The cast includes **Ruth Milne** as Beauty (*Punk Rock*, Lyric Hammersmith & The Manchester Royal Exchange; *Dr Who*; *Hallam Foe*), **Nicola Roy** as Hannah/Crabhook (*Educating Agnes*, *The Cherry Orchard*, Lyceum; *Futureproof*, Traverse/Dundee Rep); **Lewis Howden** as Father (*Educating Agnes*, *Confessions of a Justified Sinner*) and **Mark McDonnell** as Dunt, Lord Bunkum and Danny the Face (*Romeo and Juliet*, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, *Curse of the Starving Class*).

Beauty and the Beast is suitable for ages 5+, and perfect for adults too, whether they're grown up or not....

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NOTES FOR EDITORS

Press night: Friday 2 December at 7.00pm

Cast:

Ruth Milne	Beauty
Andrew Rothney	Martin/ The Beast
Angela Clerkin	Crackjaw
Lewis Howden	Father
Mark McDonnell	Dunt/Lord Bunkum/Danny the Face
Nicola Roy	Hannah/Crabhook
Karen Traynor	Hazel/Banshee
Malcolm Shields	Billy the Dog/Lord Poullice/Tommy the Trick
Kirsty Eila Mcintyre	Female Understudy
Laurie Brown	Male Understudy

Creative Team:

Director and Designer	Neil Murray
Lighting Designer	Chris Davey
Movement Director	Malcolm Shields
Composer	Olly Fox

LYCEUM TICKETS & PERFORMANCES

Day	Date	Time	Time
Friday	25 November		7.00pm (preview)
Thursday	1 December		7.00pm (preview)
Friday	2 December		7.00pm
Saturday	3 December	2.30pm †	7.00pm
Friday	9 December		7.00pm
Saturday	10 December	2.30pm *	7.00pm
Thursday	15 December		7.00pm *
Friday	16 December		7.00pm
Saturday	17 December	2.30pm	7.00pm
Sunday	18 December	2.30pm	
Wednesday	21 December		7.00pm **
Thursday	22 December	2.30pm	7.00pm
Friday	23 December	2.30pm	7.00pm
Saturday	24 December	2.30pm	
Sunday	25 December	<i>Merry Christmas! No show</i>	
Monday	26 December	2.30pm	7.00pm
Tuesday	27 December	2.30pm	7.00pm
Wednesday	28 December	2.30pm	7.00pm
Thursday	29 December	2.30pm	7.00pm
Friday	30 December	2.30pm	7.00pm
Saturday	31 December	2.30pm	

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* Audio Described performances ** BSL signed performance † Captioned performance

Touch Tours for the visually impaired will take place on Saturday 10 December at 1pm and Thursday 15 December at 5.30pm. Ask at Box Office for details.

TICKET PRICES

	<i>Stalls, Stalls Boxes & Grand Circle</i>	<i>Grand Circle Boxes</i>	<i>Upper Circle</i>
Adult	£24	£20	£18
Child/Student/Disabled/Unemployed	£12	£10	£9
Over 60	£22	£18	£16
Group 10+ Adult	£20	£16	£14
Group 10+ Child	£10	£8	£7

Side View seats are also available from £12 (Adults) or £6 (Under 18s)

Family Tickets - £60 (four Stalls seats, minimum one under 18) subject to availability*

*Maximum of two family tickets per customer.

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Audio-Described Performances

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Thursday 15 December at 7pm

BSL Interpreted Performance

Wednesday 21 December at 7pm

Captioned performance

Saturday 3 December at 2.30pm

Fancy Dress Friday

Friday 9 December 7pm performance

A fun night for everyone! Come in costume as your favourite character from the play, or just fancy dress to impress! Great for a group night out.

Family Craft Activities

Before the matinee performances on 22 and 23 December. FREE with tickets to the show.

Children are HALF PRICE at all times at the Lyceum – ANY seat, ANY performance, from as little as £6!

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For group bookings of 10+ please call 0131 248 4849.

For press tickets and more information please contact Michelle Mangan, Press Officer on 0131 248 4822 or mmangan@lyceum.org.uk

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