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Casting Announced for *Beauty and the Beast* at Palmdale Playhouse
Tickets on Sale Now for the Holidays

PALMDALE - The Palmdale Playhouse and Palmdale Repertory Theatre have announced the cast for the production of "Beauty and the Beast" which is coming to the Palmdale Playhouse, located at 38334 10th St. East, March 24, 25 and 26, 2017.

The lead role of Belle will be handled by Bethany Shemanski, while Kevin Clark will play the Beast.

"A great big thank you goes out to everyone who came out to the auditions," said Palmdale's Recreation Supervisor Annie Pagliaro. "We had a great turnout, and the professionalism and level of talent was amazing!"

Tickets for the March 2017 performances are on sale now. All Palmdale Playhouse events may be purchased 24 hours a day on the Playhouse website at www.palmdaleplayhouse.com.

"Tickets for 'Beauty and the Beast' will make great stocking stuffers this holiday season," Pagliaro said.

Based on the 1991 smash hit movie, *Beauty and the Beast* tells the story of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress. If the Beast can learn to

love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed into his former self. But time is running out. If the Beast does not learn his lesson soon, he and his household will be doomed for all eternity.

The rest of the cast includes Maurice — Andrew Blacker; Gaston — Marco Aguilar; Lefou — Julian Perez; Monsieur D'Arque — Craig Tappa; Cogsworth — William Swartzbaugh; Lumiere — Brett Lark; Babette — Yesenia Castelton; Mrs. Potts — Victoria Aspenlieder; Chip — Brendyn Von Houton; Wardrobe — Tiffany Argumedo; and Silly Girls MacKenzie Celaya-Rice, Katelyn Herbert and Melody McClure.

The Ensemble includes Aristocrat Lady Elana Monaco, Shephard Boy Andrew Aguilar and Bookseller David Holloway, as well as Arianna Samano, Catherin Conterno, Keturah Reel, Annalee Lacobelle, Lisa Blacker, Emily Blacker, Mary Mondok, Kamilynn Whitten, Hope Burtner, Donna Bond, Signe Elder, Josie Akers, Rosemary Gelfo, Chyna Eubanks, Gabriel Stokes, Landen Camacho, Gordon Ruiz, Kathryn Holland, Blaze Tolan, Daniel Swaney, Michael LaCroix, Oscar Arnold, Eva Folsom, Mauricio Hernandez and Rachel Wilson

The Core Dancers are Shannon Bunch, Sarah Bunch, Larry Thigpen, Douglas Burnside, Sophia Bunch, Joshua Szllagyi, Riley McAlister, Cecile del Rosario and Kotomi Tucker

For information please call the Playhouse at 661/267-5684.