



Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) is coming to St. Ignatius on May 6th, 2024.

MCT, the nation's largest touring children's theater, has been touring extensively for over 40 years now from Montana to Japan, and will visit over 1,200 communities this year with 44 teams of Tour Actor/Directors. A tour team will arrive at St. Ignatius with a set, lights, costumes, props and make-up, everything it takes to put on a play...except the cast. The team will hold an audition and **cast 50-60 students K-8th** to perform in the production. The show will be rehearsed throughout the week and a public performance will be presented on Saturday. All MCT shows are original adaptations of classic children's stories and fairytales . . . a *twist* on the classic stories that you know and love. This year we will be producing "**Beauty Lou and the Country Beast**". Creativity, social skills, goal achievement, communication skills and self-esteem are all characteristics that are attained through participation in this unique, educational project. MCT's mission is *the development of life skills in children through participation in the performing arts.*

**Auditions: Monday, May 6th, 2:00pm-4:00pm, Parish Center**

To audition, return the attached permission slip by Thursday, May 2nd. Please look carefully at all the information on this sheet before you decide to audition. There are roles for 50-60 students. There is no guarantee that everyone who auditions will be cast in the play. It is a group audition - no advance preparation is necessary, but a SMILE 😊 never hurts. Be ready to come and have a good time!

All information about the rehearsal and performance schedule and the cost of participation is on the back. There is no cost to audition.

## Missoula Children's Theatre

**Cost: \$60.00**

This participation fee is due no later than Wednesday, May 8th, for every student who is cast in the show. There is no fee to audition. Cast members will also have the option of purchasing a t-shirt.

**Rehearsals:** Monday, May 6th, 4:30pm-6:30pm\*  
Tuesday, May 7th, 3:00pm-7:30pm\*  
Wednesday, May 8th, 3:00pm-7:30pm\*  
Thursday, May 9th, 3:00pm-7:30pm  
Friday, May 10th-8:15A-11:15A

All cast member must attend this rehearsal  
Everyone auditioning must have a clear schedule for the entire week and be able to attend all rehearsals required for their role. A detailed rehearsal schedule will be distributed at the conclusion of the auditions. \*SOME CAST MEMBERS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED AT ALL REHEARSALS. CAST MEMBERS SCHEDULED FOR THE FULL 4½ HOURS OF REHEARSAL WILL NEED TO BRING A SACK SUPPER OR SNACK. (Kids K-2nd tend not to stay on Monday)

**Performances:** Saturday, May 11th, 12:30P & 4:00P

All cast members must be available for all scheduled performances.  
Tickets for the performances will cost \$10.00 for ages 3yrs and up.

**Parent Help:** Many parents are needed to help take down the stage on Saturday after the 4:00 PM performance. Some parents are needed to sell tickets before each performance. We need a parent to organize snacks for the cast after the 4:00 PM performance. Please tell Ms. Thompson or if you can help.

**Questions:** Please contact Cachele Thompson (916-488-3907 ext. 1053) or [cthompson@stignatiussacschool.org](mailto:cthompson@stignatiussacschool.org)

Permission Slip for Missoula Children's Theatre  
Due Thursday, May 2nd

I give permission for my child,

\_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the Missoula Children's Theatre auditions on Monday, May 6th at 2:00pm in the Parish Center. Auditions will end at 4:00pm. Students who are asked to be in the show **MAY NEED TO STAY** for the first rehearsal from 4:30pm to 6:30pm.

At 4:00pm, when auditions end, if my child has not been asked to stay for rehearsal from 4:30pm-6:30pm then my child will:

\_\_\_\_\_ check in to Extended Services.

\_\_\_\_\_ be picked up in front of the Parish Center doors.

If my child is asked to participate in the show, my child has permission to attend:

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Friday, May 10th-TBD-8:15A-11:15A or 3:30P-6:30P

All cast member must attend this rehearsal

(Some students will NOT be required at every rehearsal)

**Performances:** Saturday, March 11th, 12:30P & 4:00P

**\*\*If my child is asked to participate in the show I will submit the \$60 participation fee through Givesmart on Wednesday, May 8th.\*\***

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Help Needed:** If you can help please tell Ms. Thompson

(488-3907 ext. 1053) or [cthompson@stignatiussacschool.org](mailto:cthompson@stignatiussacschool.org).

**Ticket Sales:** We need parents to sell tickets at the door before each performance. **Cast Party:** A parent is needed to organize treats for a Cast Party after the last performance. **Sets:** We will need many parents to help take down the set after the 4:00pm performance on Saturday.

# SHOW SYNOPSIS

## BEAUTY LOU AND THE COUNTRY BEAST

Adapted by  
JIM CARON

Music and Lyrics by  
MICHAEL MCGILL and JIM CARON

Additional Music by  
JON HART and MICHAEL SCHOONER

*Missoula Children's Theatre presents BEAUTY LOU AND THE COUNTRY BEAST, an original country western adaptation of the classic fairy tale BEAUTY AND THE BEAST. Beauty Lou is the oldest daughter of the bronc-bustin' balladeer Buck. At the local county fair, young Beauty Lou is upset by the ungrateful behavior of a miner who has won the blue ribbon for his beautiful roses. She calls him a beast and wishes that he would look like one too. Years later, when in danger of losing the family farm, Buck meets the miner-turned-beast. Beauty Lou agrees to befriend the Beast to save her family. Beauty Lou and the Beast both learn to look beyond appearances and first impressions and to see the beauty that dwells inside. The story, set in the American West, also features Beauty Lou's six sisters, her Imaginary Friend, her dog Fleabite Clyde, farmhands Slim and Dusty, the neighborly Country Folk and the Barnyard Critters.*

**Please turn in the permission slip on the other side by  
Thursday, May 2nd!**