

A “tale as old as time” comes to life on the stage this March presented by Westfield Elementary School in Alpine. Disney’s Beauty and The Beast is as popular today as when the film version first debuted in 1991.

The Jr. version, licensed by Music Theater International will run on the stage of Timberline Middle School March 15th, 16th and the 18th and 19th. The musical adaptation of the famous film is directed by Penny McCord with Musical Director Saundra Harris. Westfield is known for their musical productions incorporating hundreds of cast members and this year’s production will be no different. Over 170 students in grades 1-6 make up the cast. The directors and crew members are all community volunteers.

Starring Taylor Peterson as Belle, Hailey Hyde as Ms. Potts, Forrest Hollbrook as Gaston and David Westwood as the Beast, the cast has spent more than two months rehearsing for the limited 4 show run. Costuming for the show is under the direction of Brooke Hanks and the costumes themselves are another highlight of the production. On loan from a children’s theater in California the lavish costumes are sure to be as big a hit with the audience as they are with the cast.

Technical direction as well as lighting and sound is being provided by H3 Media under the direction of Hayden Harris. The show incorporates special fog and lighting effects as well as a custom designed sound system and 20 channels of wireless microphones for the cast.

2013 marks the fourth year that Westfield has been staging all school musical productions. Tickets are available for \$5.00 either at Ridley’s Grocery Store in Highland, at Westfield Elementary or at the door the night of the show. Westfield’s musical productions are often a complete sellout so if you want to see this year’s production buying tickets in advance is highly recommended. Make your plans now to see Disney’s Beauty and The Beast Jr.