

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST JR. CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS, VOCAL RANGES, AND REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION

BABETTE	<p>Babette is the maid and “resident flirt” of the castle who is turning into a feather duster. She misses the finer things in life as well as just being a girl.</p> <p>A3 - B4 Age Range: 12-18, Female</p>
BEAST	<p>The Beast is the master of the castle who was transformed by the Enchantress’s spell. Casting for size is not as important as choosing a student that can handle this complex character: a dictator, a hurt child, a hero, a defender and a smitten prince.</p> <p>A3 - E5 Age Range: 14-18, Male</p>
BELLE	<p>Belle is a smart, confident young woman from a small village. Belle needs to be able to stand up to Gaston (and the Beast!) as well as those who don’t seem to understand her, while being able to show compassion for her father, the Servants, and eventually the Beast.</p> <p>G3 - F5 Age Range: 14-18, Female</p>
CHIP	<p>Chip is Mrs. Potts’s son, who is becoming a teacup. Chip has a wonderful naïveté that endears him to all of the Servants.</p> <p>D4 - D5 Age Range: 5-12, Male</p>
COGSWORTH	<p>Cogsworth is the English major-domo of the castle who is becoming a mantle clock. He shows a fatherly compassion for Belle yet is perfectly submissive to their master, the Beast. Cogsworth has two sides – he is a wee bit of a baby at times yet has no problem “getting into it” with Lumiere. British accent is needed.</p> <p>A3 - E5 Age Range: 12-18, Male</p>
GASTON	<p>Gaston is pompous/dim-witted and will do whatever it takes to win Belle’s hand. A strong singing and speaking voice and acting ability are more important than size and stature for this role.</p> <p>A3 - F5 Age Range: 14-18, Male</p>
LEFOU	<p>Lefou is Gaston’s equally dim-witted lackey. Lefou should be able to sing, act and dance. Comedic timing is very important for this role.</p> <p>B3 - E5 Age Range: 8-14, Male</p>
LUMIERE	<p>Lumiere is a self-confident, charming, French maître d’ who is becoming a candelabra. Lumiere should be a strong singer. This role covers a range of emotions (from charming entertainer to</p>

brave soldier) and requires prominent song and dance skills, and ability pull off a French accent..

A3 - D5 Age Range: 12-18, Male

**MADAME DE LA GRANDE
BOUCHE**

Madame De La Grande Bouche is an opera singer who is becoming a wardrobe. Madame is almost larger than life in everything she does, including her singing and dancing. Must be able to vocally blend well.

A3 - C5 Age Range: 12-18, Female

MAURICE

Maurice is an eccentric, older inventor, yet more importantly, the adoring and protective father of Belle. This non-solo singing role is perfect for the student who can have fun interpreting fear and fatherly love.

Age Range: 10-18, Male

MONSIEUR D'ARQUE

Monsieur D'Arque is the dark, creepy proprietor of the lunatic asylum who adds more tension to the story, and can act well. Needs to be sinister.

Age Range: 10-18, Male

MRS. POTTS

Mrs. Potts is the castle's endearing cook who has been enchanted to become a teapot. Mrs. Potts needs a strong, sweet voice and should be able to convey comforting, maternal qualities.

F3 - E5 Age Range: 14-18, Female

NARRATORS

The Narrators provide great opportunities to involve children that are more comfortable speaking than singing. We will be casting two narrators; they will double as villagers.

Age Range: 9-18, Female or Male

**OLD BEGGAR
WOMAN/ENCHANTRESS**

The Old Beggar Woman/Enchantress should be an actor with the ability to be visually dramatic. This is a dancing role; dancer must be strong in classical ballet.

Age Range: 12-18, Female

SERVANTS

These students should be able to handle a potentially awkward costume while singing and dancing. We will look for good singers and dancers as they have two big production numbers to sell. Looking at casting 12-16 people for this ensemble.

Age Range: 5-18, Female and Male

SILLY GIRLS

The Silly Girls are in love with Gaston and will do almost anything just to be near him. We will look for three girls who can portray the comic nature of these roles and who also enjoy playing off each other. The Silly Girls sing together in three

numbers and their sound should mix well.

C4 - F5 Age Range: 14-18, Female

VILLAGERS

The Villagers provide a colorful background singing throughout the show, and several also step into the action when needed to play in certain scenes. The featured roles vary in size and vocal requirements. The Ensemble will be needed to provide vocal power throughout the show and dance in the production numbers. These actors can double as the castle Servants if necessary. We will cast 15-18 for this ensemble.

Age Range: 5-18, Female and Male