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Disney's "Beauty and the Beast"
LIVE AT THE HERBERGER THEATRE CENTER
Experience the "Tale as old as time..." through August 21

(Phoenix) – Something magical is happening for children and adults in downtown Phoenix – dancing teapots, singing candlesticks and a classic story of transformation through love – all in one of the most beloved musicals of our time: **Disney's "Beauty and the Beast"**, LIVE at The Herberger Theater Center (222 E. Monroe in downtown Phoenix), through August 21, 2005.

This professional production features a Broadway star, a Disney "Beast" and some of the most talented young people working on stage today: **Broadway Star Kelli James** (Broadway's "Les Miserables" and "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," opposite Donnie Osmond) is Mrs. Potts; Brad Spencer (who starred as The Beast and Gaston in Disney's European tour of the show) is Gaston; Los Angeles-based actor, Stuart Ambrose is The Beast; Scottsdale's Katie Olsen is Belle and Abbie Maynard of Scottsdale is Chip.

Robrt Pela, New Times and KJZZ radio theatre critic, says: "The direction is top-notch, the production numbers big and showy, and many of the performances first-rate."

KBAQ radio theatre critic, Chris Curcio, says: "You'll marvel at 'Be Our Guest'... the cast, mostly professionals, couldn't be better... this 'Beauty and the Beast' is quite special."

Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" runs from through August 21, 2005, at The Herberger Theater Center, 222 E. Monroe, in downtown Phoenix. Tickets are \$25, \$30 and \$35 (plus Herberger fees). Call 602-252-8497 or go to www.ticketmaster.com

SHOWTIMES: Tuesdays – Fridays, 7:30pm; Saturdays and Sundays, 2:00pm and 7:30pm.

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