

Broadway Star Craig Schulman Joins Cast of Ramsey Theatre Company's *Beauty & the Beast*.

Schulman – the only performer to ever appear in the lead roles of *Phantom of the Opera*, *Jekyll & Hyde*, and *Les Misérables* on Broadway – will play Belle's father Maurice in Ramsey Theatre Company's inaugural production slated for June 24.

Tickets on sale now.

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BOWLING GREEN, KY – Today, Arts of Southern Kentucky announced that award-winning Broadway star Craig Schulman has joined the cast of Ramsey Theatre Company's production of *Disney's Beauty & the Beast*. Schulman will portray Belle's father, Maurice. The performance will take place in the Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center's Rita & Jim Scott Concert Hall at 7:30pm on Saturday, June 24.

Tickets are on sale now. Details are available online at www.theyskypac.com, and tickets may be purchased by calling (270) 904-1880 or in person at 601 College Street in downtown Bowling Green open 9am to 5pm weekdays.

"We are elated that someone of Craig's immense talent and experience has decided to join the cast for our inaugural production," said Elise Charny who will direct the Ramsey Theatre Company's June 24 performance. "Craig will not only delight our audience, he will help us attract other cast members of high quality and teach our younger performers."

The Ramsey Theatre Company was created in spring of 2022 to be SKyPAC's professional resident theater ensemble. The project was launched with a \$1.75 million gift, the largest in SKyPAC history, from Robert P. Ramsey. *Disney's Beauty & the Beast* is a Tony-nominated Broadway musical adapted from the Academy Award winning animated film. The Bowling Green production is part of the Willanna K. Ramsey Memorial Broadway Series and is sponsored by Houchens Insurance Group Auto Owners Insurance, English Lucas Priest & Owsley LLP, and Q Coffee Emporium.

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ABOUT CRAIG SCHULMAN – Craig Schulman is the only performer in the world to have performed three of the most extraordinary musical theater characters ever written. He has appeared in the title roles of *Jekyll & Hyde* Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Phantom of the Opera*, and in nearly 2,000 performances as Jean Valjean in *Les Misérables* on Broadway and around the world.

He was chosen to represent the U.S. at the *Les Misérables* Tenth Anniversary Concert at Royal Albert Hall in October, 1995 which is frequently broadcast on PBS. He has played Che in *Evita*, Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof*, and Archibald Craven in the *Secret Garden*.

<http://www.craigschulman.com/biography.asp>

ABOUT ARTS OF SOUTHERN KENTUCKY - In 2020, with the assistance of the Warren County Fiscal Court and Judge Michael O. Buchanon, Orchestra Kentucky assumed management of the Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center (SKyPAC). The new organization, which also includes BG Onstage and the Ramsey Theatre Company, is titled Arts of Southern Kentucky, and is led administratively and artistically by Jeffrey Reed.

The Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center is a premier performing arts venue located in downtown Bowling Green, KY. The facility includes the Rita and Jim Scott Concert Hall, a 1,700-seat state-of-the-art auditorium; the Goodwin Gallery, the primary art exhibition space; the Renshaw Education Center which houses the Carol Wedge Studio Theater - a flexible 2,600 sq. ft. space for intimate productions and gatherings; several multi-functional rehearsal halls/classrooms; and the Denny and Carol Wedge Children's Art Gallery.

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