

## **A Special “Welcome & Garden Visit Planning Offer” To Our Beauty & The Beast Patrons**

We are excited to welcome all patrons who purchased Beauty & The Beast tickets to our 22 acre botanical gardens in partnership with Playful Fox Productions! Yes, we respect and support our Playful Fox Productions partner’s decision to move to an indoor venue (which was not ours to make), due to a possible thunderstorm weather safety risk which could quickly change into an otherwise, beautiful day. This decision was made after careful consideration of production timelines, licensing limitations, and our many rain date/tent plans.

Playful Fox has moved their Beauty & The Beast presentation to: <https://parispresb.ca/>

**Paris Presbyterian Church**  
164 Grand River St N, Paris,  
ON N3L 1N6

Directions and approx. 30 minute drive from Whistling Gardens

<https://www.google.com/maps/dir/698+Concession+3+Townsend,+Wilsonville,+ON+N0E+1Z0,+Canada/Paris+Presbyterian+Church/@43.0929085,-80.5019293,11z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m13!4m12!1m5!1m1!1s0x882c435e695b2105:0x60f9cb700e1c2ceb!2m2!1d-80.2972615!2d42.9985807!1m5!1m1!1s0x882c6dcb0192e235:0xd39087eb59fc9cfc!2m2!1d-80.3850622!2d43.1966545>

## **Whistling Gardens has a special extended offer just for Beauty & The Beast Patrons!**

**We are honouring and extending your botanical garden visit opportunities until the end of our 2021 season, until October 11<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Monday (Last Open Day)!**

Plan your visit - Hours and Days Open visit <http://www.whistlinggardens.ca/admission.php>

Enjoy our Musical Fountain Show included with admission until September 6<sup>th</sup>

Schedule <http://www.whistlinggardens.ca/amphitheatre.php>

### **How To Redeem Your Garden Visit?**

Beauty and the Beast tickets must be shown at the time of garden admission (and will be collected after production dates). Your names will be cross referenced and verified with the Beauty & The Beast patron list.

If you have purchased your tickets as part of a group, the name of the ticket purchaser must be provided.

Picnic lunches are welcomed and our directions will help you find us <http://www.whistlinggardens.ca/directions.php>

On behalf of our team, we look forward to seeing you in the gardens!

The Heimbeckers  
Whistling Gardens

## **A Special Message From Playful Fox Productions**

Good morning everyone and thank you for your patience. Below is a rather large email, so please bear with us.

As noted yesterday, we have been working tirelessly to ensure that Disney’s Beauty and the Beast would be able to go on as planned. Despite the sudden turn in the predicted weather, we have been able to do just that!

Because of the nature of outdoor theatre, we set a threshold for a percentage of rain and thunderstorms at 50 percent/30 percent when we originally set our parameters of safety. We felt this would make sure our cast, our crew, and all of you would not have to sit through a downpour or worse, a thunderstorm.

As of now, several weather networks, which Accuweather is considered the most accurate, are reporting 60 percent chance of 3 hour rain and almost 40 percent change of thunderstorms throughout Saturday. With the opening date

fast approaching, we must make a decisive action for the run of the whole of the show to make sure you get every cent of your money's worth! The magic, the music, and all the Disney trimmings!

That said, we have decided with the support of amazing partners at the Whistling Gardens to go ahead with the moving of our venue for BOTH SATURDAY AND SUNDAY PERFORMANCES to our beautiful indoor venue:

#forParis Centre  
Paris Presbyterian Church  
164 Grand River St N, Paris,  
ON N3L 1N6

Since our first email, we have had many wonderful emails asking perfectly understandable questions about safety and our covid policies. We had to find answers to these questions during our first show of Dial M for Murder, during which the Mayor of Paris praised Playful Fox for our attention to detail and safety measurements!

So thank you for all your questions. We have assembled many of them and have tried to answer them below:

Q: Approximately how many people will be in attendance?

A: We do not exceed 200 audience members and most shows are between 100-200. The church and its Sanctuary is a fully decked out stage and the pews allow for over 500 almost 600 people to sit comfortably. This is well below the current provincial mandate of 50 percent for indoor events and 75 percent for churches.

Q: Is there parking available?

A: THERE IS! Across the street is a parking lot for several cars, as well the surrounding streets that allow for free parking! There is also a parking lot in the downtown (5 minute walk) area behind the Rexall Pharmacy on Broadview St (between William St and Mechanic St).

Q: Will seating be socially distanced?

A: Social distance will be implemented to the best of our ability. The church seating is divided between two floors with ground and balcony seating that encompasses around the stage. This will make social distancing attainable through our ushers and your cooperation.

Q: Will mask usage be enforced? Will masks be allowed to be taken off for any reason? (Consumption of food or drink for example).

A: Masks will be enforced in accordance with the provincial and federal guidelines. They will be required while indoor and moving around. However, once you are shown to your seat, and as long as you are able to maintain social distance from those around you, masks will be permitted to be removed just as they are in theatres and restaurants. Should you need to leave your seat for any reason, you will be required to put on your mask. We do ask that anyone who can, for the safety and comfort of others, please keep your mask on even seated. Should you wish, we will be making certain parts of the balcony as a sort of haven spot for those with medical conditions who cannot wear masks while space permits. We will not be offering food or drink at this venue at this time. Should that change, we would be offering bottled water only.

Q: Will proof of vaccination and/or negative covid test be required?

A: No. As a theatre company, we are not permitted to make those sort of distinctions/requirements. Such restrictions are only at the venue's request, and neither Whistling Gardens nor the #forParis Centre have made such mandates.

Q: Will your cast be tested?

A: Yes! Our cast has been routinely tested before every rehearsal and will continue to be tested before every performance!

Q: What does this mean for our Garden tour?

A: The Whistling Gardens is less than half an hour away from this venue, and they will honor your day pass through the gardens the morning of (they open at 10 am!) or at a later date! You will be able to show them your ticket and give your name to gain admittance. It is more than worth the visit for Lego, the adorable pup, the gorgeous varied botanical gardens, and of course, Darren's breathtaking fountain show!

Q: Will Refunds be offered if I choose not to watch indoors.

A: Unfortunately no. We understand this is a rather large change, but we needed to take a decisive action with moving the venue to ensure our audience/cast/crew were not caught sitting in a thunderstorm as well as to make the necessary alterations for the show/safety procedures. As is customary with most theatres, refunds are not offered due to venue changes or within a certain window of performance dates. Playful Fox Productions follows the actions of many community theatres who do not refund unless a show is cancelled.

We thank all of you for supporting community theatre!

We will make every accommodation we can to help you feel safe and enjoy our performance. We cannot wait to show you what we have been able to create as we start our 2021 season! Thank you again for your patience in this time, and we look forward to seeing you!

Malakai Fox  
Co-Owner Playful Fox Productions