



**Broadway World Award-Nominee, Emily Pellecchia, Cast as Belle in Ramsey Theatre Company's *Beauty and The Beast*.**



**Pellecchia, New York and New Jersey based actress, nominated for Outstanding Lead Actor and Best Performer in a Musical, will play Belle in Ramsey Theatre Company's premiere production.**

**Tickets on sale now.**

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BOWLING GREEN, KY – Today, Arts of Southern Kentucky announced that Emily Pellecchia will join Ramsey Theatre Company's production of *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*. Pellecchia will take on the role of Belle in the premiere performance of the company. The show will take place on June 24<sup>th</sup> at the Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center.

"I am elated to be a part of the inaugural Ramsey Theatre Company production at SKyPAC, and I am so excited to share the stage with Broadway icon Craig Schulman," said Emily Pellecchia. "I also want to wholeheartedly thank Elise Charny, our director, for the grand opportunity to perform in this beautiful venue in the role of Belle, a part that is near and dear to my heart."

"I have always loved *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*, so I was very excited to get to search for our Belle. Right away, I knew that Emily was it for us," said Elise Charny, director of the production.

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“There was just ‘something there’ in her self-tapes (no pun intended). She has a wonderful personality and I cannot wait to get to work with her!”

Craig Schulman (Maurice) and Emily Pellecchia (Belle) are the first cast members to be revealed for this production. Further leading role announcements will be made in the coming weeks.

“I’m happy that we can say our ‘bell’ is cast! I am looking forward to working with Emily, who is perfect for the role of Belle. She has the voice of the original character and has twice played the part on stage, which earned her accolades,” said Jeffrey Reed, President of the Arts of Southern Kentucky. “We are assembling a high level of talent that will result in everything we hoped our opening production would be: professional level theatre produced right here in South Central Kentucky.”

On April 1, in-person casting for principal roles and ensemble will be taking place at the Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center. From 12pm-3pm vocal and dance auditions for those ages 15-18 will take place. Adults, college & up will have vocal and dance auditions from 4:00pm-7:00pm. To audition in person, email [echarny@artsofsky.org](mailto:echarny@artsofsky.org) to reserve an individual audition time slot.

*Beauty and The Beast* will be the third and final Broadway production of the 2022-2023 Willanna K. Ramsey Memorial Broadway Series, sponsored by Robert P. Ramsey. *Beauty and The Beast* is sponsored by Houchens Insurance Group/Auto-Owners Insurance, co-sponsored by English, Lucas, Priest and Owsley, LLP and costume sponsor Q Coffee Emporium.

Tickets are on sale now and are available online at [www.theyskypac.com](http://www.theyskypac.com), by calling (270) 904-1880, or in person at 601 College Avenue in downtown Bowling Green. Prices start at \$20.

## **ABOUT EMILY PELLECCCHIA**

Emily Pellecchia is a New York/New Jersey based actress currently earning a BFA in Musical Theatre at Syracuse University. Regional credits include Carolyn in *Bridges of Madison County*, where she was cast and directed by award winning director/Broadway actor, Hunter Foster. In this role she had the extraordinary opportunity to work with a professional cast, including star of stage and screen, Aaron Lazar; and two-time Tony Award nominee, Kate Baldwin. Her most recent work on stage was performing the role of Dorothy Gale in the *Wizard of Oz* at the historic Count Basie Theater in Red Bank, NJ. For this, she earned nominations for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Musical by *NJACT Perry Awards*, and Best Performer in a Musical by *Broadway World*.

## **ABOUT RAMSEY THEATRE COMPANY**

The Ramsey Theatre Company was formed through a generous gift from Robert P. Ramsey to produce professional-level musical theatre to serve the BRADD area. The Rita and Jim Scott Concert Hall at SKyPAC serves as its primary home. Principal roles are cast through nation-wide auditions with supporting roles filled by other accomplished actors. Orchestra Kentucky takes the place of honor in the Robin and David Ciochetty orchestra pit.

## **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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