

Flight from Fang and Fable a painted wood sculpture exhibit by Vicki Nutt, featured artist for April at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center. First Thursday opening reception is April 4 from 6 to 8 p.m.

While Portland Waits....

Beauty And The Beast Is A Big Hit Around The World

Disney's Beauty and the Beast, the Tony Award-winning musical set to begin its multi-week Portland run on May 15, 1997, continues to set box office records. Not only did it break sales records on Broadway, in Los Angeles, St. Louis, Melbourne, Tokyo, and Osaka, but it also recently shattered box office records in Washington, DC.

Sales for Disney's Beauty and the Beast's first weekend on sale topped one million dollars, an all-time record for the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC. First-day sales reached a box office high of \$526,000, surpassing the previous single-day high of \$442,000, held by The Phantom of the Opera.

Beauty and the Beast will appear in Portland as part of Portland's 1996-97 Broadway Theater Season. Disney's mega-hit sensation is currently driving subscriptions at an incredibly brisk pace, with last year's strong subscription numbers on the verge of being eclipsed.

Beauty and the Beast tells the story of a young, unthinking prince who's suddenly transformed into a

beast and doomed forever unless he can learn to love and be loved; the beautiful and innocent Belle who finds in him something intensely human; and the heart-rending love that grows gently between them.

From the sadness of the beast who simply doesn't understand how to behave to the soaring joy of the exhilarating conclusion, Beauty and the Beast promises audiences the most uplifting theatrical experience of a lifetime—and delivers it with the wizardry that is only possible through the magic of theater and the magic of Disney.

The Subscription Ticket Office has been besieged with requests for tickets to Disney's Beauty and the Beast.

At the present time, Disney's

Beauty and the Beast tickets are available in one of two ways:

- As part of a Portland's Broadway Theater Season subscription.
- PBTS subscriptions can currently be charged by phone at 241-1802.

Group sales orders are being taken for groups of 20 or more. Group sales information is available at 241-1407.

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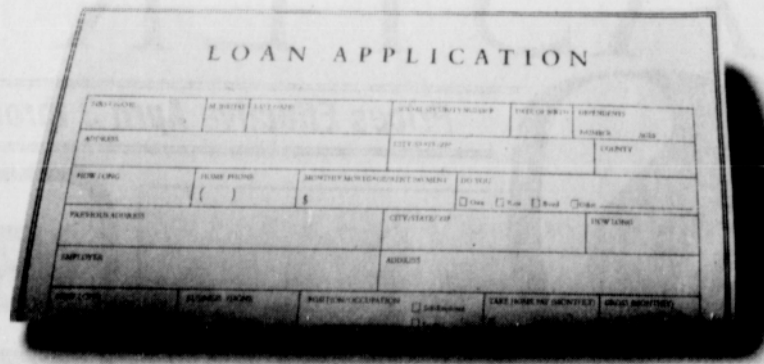


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