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Cast members from the Hermiston Parks and Recreation drama class's production of 'Beauty and the Beast Jr.' pose during a dress rehearsal Wednesday on the stage at the Hermiston Conference Center, where the group will present the musical Monday and Tuesday.



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Playing the role of Belle in 'Beauty and the Beast Jr.,' Melissa Richardson, right, sings one of her songs from the musical during a dress rehearsal Wednesday.

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time practicing, as well, even though he only sings one song during the play.

"It takes a lot more practice," he said of performing in a musical. "You have to memorize the songs and memorize your cues. I think it's going to go good. These last few practices have really come together."

Josiah Barron, 19, Umatilla, is playing Gaston in his third Parks and Recreation performance, but his role requires little singing.

"I have a scene where I'm drunk, like really drunk, so I'm kind of singing, but it doesn't have to sound so great, of course," he said.

He said he enjoys performing.

"I think it's always great to come here and be with the cast members," he said. "I just like getting into stuff like that. You get the experience because you've got to learn your expressions, projecting so the crowd can hear you — all the things you learn from being in a play."

Playing Cogsworth, 14-year-old Louis Haight, Hermiston, said he only sings one line, but he has enjoyed the experience.

"I usually hang out with a different type of people, so it's kind of fun to come here and hang out with a different group," he said. "It's all into the experience of life. It makes me open-minded."

If you go

Hermiston Parks and Recreation drama class students will present Disney's "Beauty and the Beast Jr." at 6:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at the Hermiston Conference Center, 415 S. Highway 395. Tickets reserved in advance cost \$2. Tickets at the door cost \$3. To purchase tickets, call 541-667-5018 or stop by the parks office on the bottom floor of Hermiston City Hall, 180 N.E. Second St.

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BMCC Class of 2012
Radiologic Technologist

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