

Actors, from left, Gabriel Tate, Emmy Stepien, Nolan Hillis, Sharon Bessant, Abraham Villafuerte, Ashley Fernandez, Pedro Chavez, Anna Wanamaker, William Fernandez and Bree Hayes complete a choreographed scene during a performance of "Beauty and the Beast."

## **Beauty and the Beast**

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"The entire show is awesome, and it's fun to watch the boys interact," said Marian. "They act this rambunctious in real life, but are also very good friends."

Cordell has special memories of the former Park Theater, having worked there in 1959 peddling popcorn at the young age of 9. And then going on his first date with Marian to the movie house in 1966.

"The amount of talent we are seeing in these shows is awesome," said Cordell. "This is the best thing that could happen to this facility."

Christian Weeter as Lumiere, Carter Cantrell as Cogsworth, Mary Humphrey as Babette, Anna Kneipe as Mrs. Potts, Eloy Fernandez as Chip and Colton Smith as Maurice all had bright moments in the play, showcasing their singing, dancing and acting talents.

Opening night guests Tina Smith and Amanda Key were in awe of the cast, marveling at the talents presented by the young

"I'm impressed, especially that the characters sound so much like the movie characters," said Key. "Even their accents are

Smith's son, Colton, plays Belle's father in the play, and is expecting to see his Nashvillebased doctor in the audience.

We told him about our theatre and that Colton was in 'The Addams Family' cast," said Smith. "He came up to see the show and was very impressed that a town the size of McMinnville could be blessed with so much talent and such a nice facility."

Park Theater is owned by the city of McMinnville. Cost of renovation was initially \$2 million. A grand opening was held in May 2015. Since that time, officials have completed partial renovation of the balcony. The facility is available for rental for a variety of functions.



Singing dinner plates bring a fun addition to the popular song "Be Our Guest." From left, Emma Cooper, Delia Evans, Allyson Blalock and Gracie Caten, along with a cast of 75 entertained packed crowds.



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