

Synopsis for Young Readers

The Story of the Ballet

Act I Magical creatures dance in an enchanted garden in a beautiful forest. The garden belongs to the Beast, a prince who was cursed long ago. Beauty and her father wander into the garden and Beauty's father picks a rose for her. This makes the Beast very angry (he has a bad temper!) and he orders Beauty's father to leave the garden. He tells Beauty she cannot go with him.

Beauty dances in the garden, and she is sad and lonely. The Beast sees her and realizes that he loves her. He tries to cheer her up and brings the Simians, Magic Flowers and Bluebirds out to dance for Beauty. The Simians make a golden throne for her and give her flowers, jewels, a crown, and a beautiful dress. However, none of these things make Beauty happy. Then the Beast tries to give Beauty a rose, but she pushes it away and runs from the palace. The Beast is heartbroken and collapses on the stairs.

Intermission

Act II Beauty finds her way home to her father and sisters. She shares the gifts the Beast gave her. Afterwards, she thinks about her time in the Beast's kingdom and realizes he was trying to be kind to her. She falls asleep and stags from the enchanted forest appear outside her house. They toss a rose through the window, which is a sign that the Beast needs her. She follows the stags and they lead her back to the Beast's kingdom.

At the palace, a funeral is underway for the Beast. Beauty arrives at the funeral, kisses the Beast and starts to cry. Her kind heart and love for the Beast break the curse. The Beast wakes up, sheds his beastly shell and becomes the Prince he once was. He again offers the rose to Beauty, and this time she accepts it. The palace Courtiers dance in celebration and the Roses perform a beautiful waltz at the wedding of Beauty and the Prince.



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Thank you for coming to the ballet! We are glad you're here!

PNC Presents

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

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Activity Guide to the Ballet!



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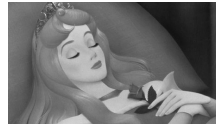
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The Music

Pyotr I. Tchaikovsky wrote the music for *Beauty and the Beast*. He also wrote the music for some other famous ballets. Can you guess what they are, using these pictures as clues?

1. _____ 2. The _____



3.The _____

Photo credit: The Walt Disney Company

What's the Difference?

Our *Beauty and the Beast* ballet is a little different from the Disney *Beauty and the Beast* movie you may have seen. For one thing, there's a lot more dancing! See if you can match which of these phrases goes with the movie, and which goes with the ballet. Draw a line to the correct picture (hint: some might apply to both!)

The heroine's name is Belle.



The characters sing.

The Beast dies of a broken heart.

A kiss wakes the Beast up.

The Beast is killed by Gaston.

The heroine's name is Beauty.

The characters are dancers who are real people.

They live happily ever after!

The characters are animated.

The heroine wears pointe shoes.

Stags and forest creatures dance.

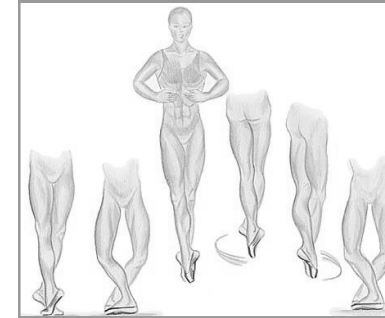
Teapots and brooms dance.

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Ballet Term of the Day!

Fifth position!

Tour en l'air—a ballet step where the dancer starts in fifth position, bends his knees, jumps straight up, turns 360° in the air, and lands again with bent knees (*plie*) and feet reversed. Dancers sometimes call it a “tour.” When dancers do a *double tour*, they do two 360° revolutions in the air!



Watch for some awesome double tours when the **Lead Simian** dances in Act II!

Do the Numbers!

There are 17 ballerinas in the PBT company. If each ballerina goes through 100 pairs of pointe shoes in a season, and each pair of pointe shoes costs around \$90, how much does PBT pay for pointe shoes each season?

_____ (# of Ballerinas) X _____

(# of shoes) X \$_____ (cost of one pair of shoes) =

(answer below)

What's a Simian?? a monkey or an ape. The Simians entertain and help Beauty when she's at the palace.

Ballet Scavenger Hunt

Watch the ballet closely to find the answers to these questions!

1. How many Bluebirds are there at the palace? _____

2. What colors are the Sisters' skirts? _____ and _____

3. Which forest creature delivers the rose to Beauty's house in Act II?

Do the Numbers answer: \$153,000!

Beauty's Word Search

F N J S B E R W C S
Y Y F O R E S T Z I
T M O M H E A O D M
U P M T T H T S R I
A H A P D E S S T A
E F R E W O L F I N
B D R I B E U L B S
P O I N T E F J A L
E X C Z Z T L A W B

Ballet, Beast, Beauty, Bluebird, Father, Flower, Forest, Nymph, Pointe, Rose, Simian, Sisters