

# Entertainment



## Broadway comes to Philadelphia

presenting...Beauty and the Beast

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The eye-popping extravaganza Broadway play is beautifully structured. Featuring classic Disney songs from the original movie, "Gaston," "Belle," "Beauty and the Beast," "Be our guest," "The Beast," and "West Wing," this musical is a perfect pre-Christmas treat for all the family.

The show is appropriate for all ages. This unforgettable classic musical love story is filled with lavish costumes and sets, Broadway stars, unforgettable characters and stunning production numbers. Fall in love with its story that transcends appearances and has won people over from all ages again and again.

VIP Suites and luxury suites are available through All Good Seats. You can get box seats if they are available at Academy Of Music. Don't forget to ask about back stage passes and meet-and-greet tickets. For more information, got to: <http://www.philadelphia-theater.com/theaters/academy-of-music/beautyandthebeast>.

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Disney's Beauty and The Beast, the smash hit Broadway musical, returns to Philadelphia!

Running from Nov. 26-Dec. 1, the Academy of Music on 1420 Locust Street, Philadelphia, will be hosting the Tony Award winning musical. The 3 hour play shadows the fortunes of Belle, a smart, beautiful young woman living in a quiet village in France, who is pursued by Gaston, the not-so-sharp but attractive local heart-throb.

When Belle's father gets misplaced in the woods and is captured by the hostile dangerous Beast, who was a once-handsome prince turned into a monster by the witch, Belle goes off to rescue him. Taken with her, the Beast decides to release Belle's father only if she agrees to stay with him for eternity. Initially disgusted, Belle shortly finds much to appreciate in the Beast. Realizing his hidden, tender, caring and loving are all very complex and come from different worlds which defy stereotyping and change over the course of the story.

## What's on Tap?

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It's that time of the year when all breweries start to brew up their seasonal beers. Beer companies like Sam Adams, Southern Tier, Yards, Magic Hat and other breweries all have great seasonal selections for the holidays.

A random Thursday night would be great to go try some of these seasonal beers. There is one pub that is a must if you want to find the best selection.

The Tap Room in NJ has a great beer list. Taste-testing beers is a process. First, you need to taste the beer and then drink some water; this gets the previous beer you just sampled off your taste buds.

First up: Sam Adams Pumpkin Ale. This was ok, but for me, a pumpkin beer has to have a strong taste of pumpkin. Almost as if you were eating pumpkin pie.

"I like it, it has a little pumpkin taste, but not too much where it takes over the Ale side of the beer," Steve Corso said of the Sam Adams Pumpkin Ale.

After trying Sam Adams Pumpkin Ale, it was time to try Yards Philadelphia Pale Ale. This was a smooth beer not very carbonated and it wasn't loaded with hops. This would be a good beer choice for someone who is looking to drink something light, but doesn't want a Miller Light.

After drinking some water I moved onto the Magic Hat deVEILED; this was one of the better ones I tried. This is a porter. A porter just means it's a dark beer, like the popular Guinness. The deVEILED was a chocolate porter; when brewing companies try to brew a chocolate beer they usually don't get the true taste of chocolate in the craft. Unlike some companies in my experience, Magic Hat nailed the chocolate flavor. It was like biting into a chocolate bar.

The last beer I tried was the Southern Tiers Pumpking. It was phenomenal. It tasted like a pumpkin pie with a mixture of cinnamon and sugar, which made it delicious. I recommend this to the beer drinker who enjoys a perfect fall craft. A bar tender confirms the most popular seasonal beer.

"It's definitely the Pumpking," Mike O'Hara said. "I find myself sending my bar help back to the fridge to fetch another keg because the Pumpking is always kicking." As always, drink responsibly and only if you're 21.

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## Scott Wesley

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It was a pleasant change to a normal day thanks to music.

Scott Wesley performed in front of close to 100 students at the Lion's Den Nov. 19.

Wesley is a 23-year-old from the Chicago suburbs. With this great turnout at Penn State, Wesley finds himself with a rapidly growing fan base, an official SXSW performance under his belt and a busy performance schedule.

"My whole life I have always loved music," Wesley said. "I started playing drums in third grade, then my Uncle gave me a guitar as a gift in sixth grade. Ever since then I loved playing guitar and really into writing."

Wesley developed a huge buzz early on in his career with his first album release "Open Eyes." The entire album was licensed by Microsoft for various products and the company continues to use his songs today.

Wesley has been told by many people that he reminds them of John Mayor.

"Honestly, I don't want to sound like anyone, I want to sound like myself," Wesley said. "I want to sound unique but I would not be offended if someone told me that I sounded like John Mayor because he is my biggest influence as a song writer." Wesley is also influenced by big names such as Led Zeppelin, Pink Floyd and The Beatles. He is aiming towards more of an indie genre with each song he writes.

His second release "Seconds to Years" has been widely appreciated and appealing to the college crowd with each track creating a diverse sound in the rock/pop genre. "Seconds to Years" is drawing a lot of attention for commercial use as well.

Wesley exclusively told Penn State's Lion's Eye, "I haven't released a new album yet, but we are working on one as we speak, look out for it Penn State!"

Interested in booking a private show, or just want more information on Scott Wesley? Go to [scottwesleymusic.com/gig](http://scottwesleymusic.com/gig).



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