



The SPAR Panto

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

at University Concert Hall, Limerick

SENSORY/ISL INTERPRETED SHOW

For the third year running University Concert Hall is delighted to present a **Sensory Friendly** performance of the SPAR Panto, *Beauty and the Beast*, on **Friday 6th January at 2pm**. This show will be a little brighter and a little quieter, without any sudden, loud noises. There will also be plenty of room for audiences to move around and get comfortable. Since 2014, the Sensory Friendly performance has formed a vital part of the panto schedule with families travelling from throughout the Mid West to enjoy a live performance that is completely accessible to all.

Our Sensory show this year will also have an **ISL (Irish Sign Language) Interpreter** present on stage, which means that the show will be visually accessible for the Deaf community and their families that use ISL as their preferred language. ISL is a language in its own right, with its own vocabulary, grammar and verb structure. The meaning of the script in spoken English will be taken and translated into Irish Sign Language, a beautiful visual language. This performance hopes to provide equal opportunities for Deaf children that use sign language as their first language and for their families.

The SPAR Panto *Beauty and the Beast* tells the story of Belle and the dreaded Beast in his lonely castle. Belle is beautiful, the Beast is – ahem – beastly and Gaston is more mad about himself than Kim and Kanye combined!

Beauty and the Beast stars Limerick comedian Karl Spain (RTÉ's *Celebrity Operation Transformation*) and other newcomers Aoibhin Garrihy (*Fair City*) and Tom O'Mahony (*Damo & Ivor*). *Fair City*'s George McMahan will play the selfie obsessed Gaston, who professes to love the beautiful Belle, played by Leanne Moore, almost (but not quite!) as much as he loves himself!

Richie Hayes will make sure the fun factor is high, playing Gaston's loveable side kick Gasraic. West End star, John Brannoch returns to his native Limerick to take on the role of the Beast. John has recently in *Matilda the Musical* and *Pricilla*.

Dame Myles Breen returns for what will be his 20th consecutive year starring in a Panto, with hilarious Ilovelimerick.com founder Richard Lynch becoming Montyesque as he asks Belle to Say Yes to The Dress!

The SPAR Panto, *Beauty and the Beast*, at University Concert Hall is now on sale with some performances already Sold Out so don't delay and book today!

University Concert Hall, Limerick

Monday 19th December – Sunday 8th January

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Tickets from €17.50 Matinee & Evening Shows

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