

# CAU in the News



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*Community Access Unlimited's mission is to provide community access through effective and comprehensive support services for people with disabilities and at-risk youth, giving them the opportunity to live independently and to lead normal and productive lives in the community.*

## Open Auditions for Local Production of Beauty & the Beast Jr. Beginning January 12

Community Access Unlimited hosting general information session January 8

**Elizabeth, NJ** – The CAU Community Players will launch their 2013 season with open auditions for this year's performance of Disney's musical "Beauty and the Beast Jr." beginning January 12, preceded by a general information meeting January 8 at 7:00 p.m. in Elizabeth. Both the open auditions and informational meeting are open to the public, in addition to members and staff of Community Access Unlimited.

The schedule is:

### Information Meeting

88 West Grand Street, Elizabeth

Tuesday, January 8 – 7:00-8:00 p.m

Learn about the auditions, show, rehearsals and performance schedule. Meet the director and choreography and cast members from the 2012 production of "Seussical Jr."

### Auditions

88 West Grand Street, Elizabeth

- Saturday, January 12 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – Children 1:00-3:00 p.m. – Teens and Adults
  - Tuesday, January 15 6:30-8:30 p.m. – All ages
  - Wednesday, January 16 6:30-8:30 p.m. – Callbacks

Those auditioning should prepare a song from "Beauty and the Beast Jr." or a song that style.

Community Access Unlimited is a nonprofit serving people with disabilities and at-risk youth, providing housing and life skills support. The CAU Community Players is a collaboration between CAU members and staff and the public to jointly stage an annual theatrical performance. Last year amateur actors from seven communities and three counties joined with CAU members and staff to stage "Seussical Jr." at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield, the first such joint production in Union County.

This year the CAU Community Players will put on "Beauty and the Beast" and are inviting new participants to join in the production. Open roles include: the Beast; the Beauty, Belle; supporting characters, such as Gaston, Belle's father, Maurice, and Mrs. Potts, a cook who has become a teapot; villagers, silly girls, servants and wolves; and narrators.

"The CAU Community Players and the productions we stage are wonderful opportunities for our members to interact and collaborate with the community of which they are a part," said Alyson Monaco, CAU's community integration coordinator. "It also is an ideal chance for members of the community, including children and young adults, to interact with people with disabilities and to perform side by side with them, a wonderful learning experience."

For more information about auditions or to learn about volunteering behind the scenes, visit [www.caucommunityplayers.com](http://www.caucommunityplayers.com) or contact Alyson Monaco at or [908.354.3040](tel:908.354.3040), ext. 216.