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Beauty and the Beast screening at Alice Tully Hall announces 25th anniversary

At the 29th New York Film Festival

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In September 1991, two months before its theatrical release, Disney's animated masterpiece Beauty and the Beast screened as a "Work in Progress" at the 29th New York Film Festival in Alice Tully Hall. Even though a third of the film consisted of storyboard art and black-and-white animation tests, the screening garnered a standing ovation. When it was released, it became an instant classic. Visually lavish and musically exuberant, the fairy-tale adaptation was one of the first Disney features to incorporate elements of computer-generated imagery with hand-drawn animation, and it would be the first animated film to garner an Oscar nomination for Best Picture, winning awards for best score and original song. In anticipation of the 54th New York Film Festival, Beauty and the Beast returns to Alice Tully Hall for a special 25th anniversary screening for Film Society members to celebrate the film and its vibrant cultural legacy.-----

"One of the most vivid memories I have of a rousing New York Film Festival evening was the 1991 screening of Disney's Beauty and the Beast," said Wendy Keys, former NYFF Selection Committee member and FSLC Executive Producer. "Because we showed it in a somewhat unfinished form""we saw animation in all its different phases""we were invited to examine the process without losing any of the narrative power or emotional impact. Astonishing!" Original voice cast members Robby Benson (Beast), Paige O'Hara (Belle), Angela Lansbury (Mrs. Potts), and Richard White (Gaston) will appear in person for an extended introduction.

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