

Disney ImagiNations Contest – 2009
Le Château de la Belle et la Bête

Project Equal Parts Technical & Creative

Disneyland Down Under is to be the newest Disney Park, located in Sydney, Australia. The focus of our project is the keystone of the park, the castle. We have chosen to theme the castle after Beauty and the Beast. Our design takes the Disney Castle to the next level by allowing guests to walk the halls, enter attractions, and visit dining venues; all located directly inside the castle. We selected Beauty and the Beast because it represents the renaissance of Disney Animation and there is no better film to use for this new approach to the centerpiece of the park.

Each member of our group attends Arizona State University and is enrolled in an engineering program. As engineers, we took a unique view on this project and attempted to layout and design this structure. Presented in our book are computer-aided drawings, hand sketches, and images to help convey and explain our vision.

The castle proper consists of three floors. The main floor grants access to the majority of the attractions in the castle. The Main Entry is patterned after the movie with high ceilings, arches, and tiered levels. Guests have the opportunity to see Belle or other Princesses act out stories in the Storytime Study. The Enchanted Library features interactive consoles that allow guests to view a magic mirror, make a storybook or find out their character personality. “Be Our Guest” Dining Room is a sit-down restaurant that features a fantastic dinner show with family-style food service (similar to Ohana). The tale Beauty and the Beast portrays the beauty of the rose and the Rose Garden Conservatory is a peaceful room that showcases that beauty. The Gardenview Hallway is modeled after the Hall of Mirrors in Versailles and provides a breath-taking view of the formal gardens.

On the second floor the Character Balcony, located in the rear of the castle, is the central location for guests to meet their favorite Disney characters. “Tale as Old as Time” Walkthrough presents the story of Beauty and the Beast through paintings, tapestries, statues, music, and text. The Beauty and the Beast Experience, “A Single Rose,” is a journey through the creation and success of Beauty and the Beast. Have you ever thought that you were being watched? In the Coat of Arms Hallway it may just happen.

The third floor houses the Disney Gallery which is laid out like a museum. In this Disney Gallery there is enough space for several individually themed wings where beautiful art may be displayed.

The crowning jewel of the castle is Lumiere’s Ballroom, a five-star restaurant that recreates the ballroom from the movie. The ballroom also has seating on the balcony, with beautiful stars shining above and a grand vista of mountains below the castle. Belle and the Beast dance each night to their song.

Surrounding the castle there are: three gardens, Belle’s Courtyard, the Beast’s Courtyard, Alfred’s Shortcut (ride), the Village (shopping), and Belle’s Home.