The Cast Profiles

Bridget Bannister is in 5th grade at Parkwood School. She has appeared in *The Fisherman & His Wife*, *Johnny Appleseed*, *Jack & the Beanstalk*, and *The Wizard of Oz* with Missoula Children's Theatre. Bridget loves to sing, play piano and flute. This is her first Mountaineer Play.

Brynne Bannister is a 7th grader at Einstein Middle School. Brynne appeared in the Mountaineer Readers' Theatre production of *The Marvelous Land of Oz*. She loves to act and sing. Brynne plays piano and clarinet. Her favorite sports are soccer and volleyball.

David Bannister came to the Forest Theatre as a child 30 years ago, but never imagined actually being in a production. He joined the cast to spend time with his daughters, meet new folks and experience theatrical production. He says, "It's been fun."

Jill Baskin has acted at Village, Bathhouse, and Seattle Children's Theaters. Favorite roles: Dorothy (*Wizard of Oz*, Youtheatre NW) and Tiger Lily (*Peter Pan*, Intiman). Jill co-hosted KIRO-TV's *Brainwaves* and has been on *Candid Camera*, and *Northern Exposure*.

Mackenzie Brown goes to AE2 elementary school and is in 5th grade. She has been acting since she was 7. She has been in the *Christmas Carol*, *The Pirates of Penzance* and many other plays, all at Ravenna Kids Theater.

Alena Bruzas was in two previous Mountaineer plays: *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Fiddler on the Roof*. She has also been in *Poetical Cats* at the Seattle Playhouse. She is an 8th grader.

Lily Bruzas is a sophomore at Roosevelt High School. She loves all the arts, especially theatre. Lily was in the Mountaineer Players' *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Susan Bruzas is a speech/language pathologist and mother of Lily and Alena. She loves dancing and singing in musicals. She appeared last year as a "mama" in the Players' *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Kate Cunningham also appeared as a pie-throwing Keystone Cop in the 6th grade play. In her spare time she splashes around in her sea kayak and dances to a zydeco beat. In her other spare time, she designs e-commerce web applications as a technical architect.

Susie Cvengros is currently a middle school teacher in Sultan. She enjoys long walks, camp songs, and good books. Susie learned about theatre from her Mom, and played Tzeitel in last year's *Fiddler on the Roof*. She also directs school productions.

Jamie Estill returns to the Forest Theater after his debut as Mordcha in *Fiddler on the Roof*. In his spare time at Kitsap he likes to boil water, park cars, and play with radios. He is also a middle school principal at a prestigious, but unnamed, Seattle independent school.

Jenny Estill: This is Jenny's 4th show with the Mountaineer Players. She's in the 5th grade at Meridian Park School. She has performed with the N.W. Savoyards, the Driftwood Players, and Missoula Children's Theater. In all her spare time, she enjoys reading, writing, and fencing.

Sarah K. Estill is a lover of laughter. Between academics and theater, she enjoys athletics, music, Latin and Shakespeare as a freshman at Lakeside. Previous shows include *The Little Prince*, *Music Man*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, and *A Christmas Carol*. This is her 4th Mountaineers' play.

Gail Foster has performed in seven Mountaineer shows and designed costumes for three others. She has performed with Village Theatre, C.L.O. and Emerald City Players in the Seattle area. She also sings with the Camerata Chorale in Edmonds.

Karina Fredrickson's last part in a play was Mrs. Quackenbush in a play called *Laughin At School*. She enjoys acting, singing, gymnastics, and rollerblading in her free time. Karina is 13 years old and in the 8th grade at Monroe Middle School.

Debbie Gruba is thrilled to be back to her first love-theater, after the "finished college-get yourself a job"-break! Favorite roles: Alice-*You Can't Take it With You*; Cindyrella- UW production of *Mod Cinderella*. Thanks for being my angel, Mom.

Amelia Iraheta is 14 yrs. old and enjoys singing, acting, watching musicals, and playing with animals. Plays include (among others) *Babes In Toyland*, *Once Upon A Mattress*, *Our Town*, and *Anything Goes*.

Nathaniel Jones has performed in many a show previous to *The Sound of Music*. Other credits include *The Wizard of Oz*, *Cinderella*, *Pirates of Penzance*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, and *Music Man*. Most recently he was The Big Bad Wolf in *Into the Woods*. He is a freshman at Mountlake Terrace HS.

Amy Beth Lindvall: The stage is Amy's first love! She grew up in the Forest Theatre, playing a hedgehog/card at 4. Other Mountaineer roles enjoyed: have been Lucy (*Narnia*), a fairy (*Midsummer Nights Dream*), and Sprintze (*Fiddler*). She's in 5th grade at Meridian Park School.

Anna Lindvall loves to sing, dance, act, and play the trombone, baritone and piano. Her favorite roles were Grandma Tzeitel in *Fiddler on the Roof*, and Heidi in *Heidi*. This is Anna's 6th play at the Forest Theatre. She is in 8th grade at Einstein Middle School.

Brian Lindvall has enjoyed being in shows with his children. Mountaineer shows in which Brian has appeared include *Kismet*, *As You Like It*, *Narnia*, and *Fiddler on the Roof*. When not on stage, Brian majors in parking cars at the theatre and works as a systems analyst at Nordstrom.

Eric Lindvall started his theatre career at the Forest Theatre as a towns-kid in *Brigadoon* when 8 years old. Last year he was Fyedka in *Fiddler on the Roof*. He has appeared in 4 other Mountaineer productions. During the day, Eric works as a computer programmer for encoding.com.

Katie MacInnis works as a Project Coordinator for Corporate Cosmetics at Nordstrom. Involved in theater for 25 years, this is her second play with the Mountaineers. Her favorite roles have been Mrs. Henry Higgins (*My Fair Lady)*, and Peppermint Patty (*You're A Good Man Charlie Brown)*.

J. Craig McCoy: In 35 years, Craig has been a demented dwarf, romantic lead, lonely butcher, lawyer, judge, executioner, convict, poor farmer, wealthy industrialist, swash buckler, boatswain, Duke, absent minded scientist. He can now testify before Congress on any topic.

Brenda Mehl is a Washington native who has lived here all her life. She has performed with Mountaineers, Emerald City Players and her various schools. Her favorite play was *Narnia* with the Mountaineers.

Erica Neils is in her second appearance with the Mountaineers, including last year's *Fiddler on the Roof*. Other shows include *Alice in Wonderland*, *Our Hearts Were Young and Gay*, *Nicholas Nickleby*, *Godspell*, *The Mouse That Roared* and *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.

Evan Randall thinks it's fun being "incorrigible" Kurt, victim of five sisters, not just one, as in real life. Playing roles in school and church productions (including being Peter Rabbit!) can't compare to being in *The Sound of Music*.

Melissa Randall is fifth of six children in her harmonious family. She is very involved in choral, solo, and musical performing, including a high school role as Sister Berthe. She is sister to the Captain and aunt to Kurt.

Tom Randall has played roles in *South Pacific*, *King & I*, several other plays and directed untold church productions. "Watching "*Fiddler*" last year, I remember thinking how fun it must be participating in a production in this setting — It really is!"

Lauren Sego appeared in last year's *Fiddler on the Roof* as a boy. She plays viola and is interested in gymnastics, skating and painting. She is in 5th grade at Meridian Park School.

Madeline Sego grew up coming to the Mountaineer plays with her family and always wanted to be part of one. The tradition continued with her children. "This is my first play and I want to dedicate it to my father, a Mountaineer of 52 years."

Megan Sego appeared as a boy in last year's *Fiddler on the Roof*. She has decided that the Forest Theatre is her favorite place in the world. Megan is in 7th grade at Einstein Middle School.

Bjarne Bell Steensgaard was born, raised, and educated in Denmark, but now works for Microsoft Research. Working with lots of kids for many years taught him whatever he knows about the arts and acting.

Tamara Bell Steensgaard has taught band, choir, elementary and middle school music for eleven years in public and private schools. The is her first community theatre foray. She loves being on this side of a production. She currently teaches piano from her studio home in rural Redmond.

Carla Stoltenberg is 13 and goes to Einstein Middle School. She has been in numerous school and community plays. Her favorite role was Grandmother Tzeitel in *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Daniel Stoltenberg: Although really only fifteen going on 16, Daniel is excited to be Rolf. He has performed in Shorewood High's *Cinderella* and the Mountaineer's *Fiddler on the Roof*. He likes singing, acting and playing the oboe.

Edwin Stone is a Producer with Modern Digital, a Seattle-based film and video, animation, multimedia and special effects company. This is his first appearance onstage in over 20 years.

Patty Turnberg has studied ballet, modern and tap dance and has performed with various musical groups in Ohio. *The Sound of Music* is Patty's favorite musical; she and Wayne sang "Edelweiss" at their own wedding to honor her parents. She is a fundraiser working for the Lions Foundation.

Sophie Turnberg studies ballet with ABC Dance and drama with the Seattle Children's Theater Drama School. She also enjoys piano lessons, gymnastics and singing with her first grade class at The Perkins School.

Wayne Turnberg is a singer and musician, playing piano and guitar. Professionally, Wayne is a Public Heath Advisor with the Washington State Department of Health and an affiliate faculty member with the University of Washington School of Public Health.