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Production Staff Bios

Aubrey Beard has been involved in Kitsap community theater for 8 years, performing with C-Stock, BCT and the Roving Players. This is her first show "in the pit", as well as her first with The Mountaineers. She is graduating from Olympic College, with plans to study International Studies and Jazz Performance.

Bryson Breakey has enjoyed his life thus far on the stage, being seen performing on various stages around Kitsap County. He is excited to see a production from the "pit's" point of view.

Greg Brown has happily been doing sound for the Mountaineers Players since 1973. His other credits include Civic Light Opera, Pecadillo Players, and Upstage Productions.

Melinda Bunnage is a freshman at Ballard High School. Favorite shows include *Peter Pan* (Mountaineers Players), *The Tempest* and *Anse and Bhule* (Sound Theater Co.), *Grease* (Ballard High School) and many others. Outside of school, Melinda is discovering her passion for the spoken word.

Guy Caridi has been choreographing and performing dance since 1991, and for the Players since 2002. He's competed, coached & judged at national dance competitions; taught and performed internationally. He is Artistic Director for Savoy Swing Club and has choreographed numerous shows for local schools.

Nancy Estill is co-producing her 13th show for the Mountaineers Players. She looks forward to the blooming of the rhododendrons every May.

Gail Foster enjoys her yearly jaunts to the Forest Theater. Having performed for several years with the Players, she is trying her hand at Music Director. She enjoys working with this great production team, especially Craig. Her greatest joy is that her family (Walt & Valerie) joins her in this work of love.

Will Gray began as a pirate in *Peter Pan* and lost an awkward sword fight with a small boy. He feels more successful swinging a hammer. He built a house set for a small girl named Anne (with an E) Shirley. Following years have included gallows for merry men, a castle for a beast, and now a tree for an elephant.

Margie Kluth is costuming her second Mountaineers Players production and is discovering that "anything's possible." She thanks Bobbie, Gail, Gary, Lisa, Martha, Wendy and especially Sherri who all helped to make everything possible.

Gala Lindvall is co-producing her 13th show for the Mountaineers Players. Her love of this amazing theater keeps her coming back every year. She loves seeing a new generation of actors falling in love with this beautiful place. Thanks to Craig and our stellar team for working your magic once again!

Mark Malnes: Testing...1,2,3... Testing... Is this thing on??.... Hello!..... Quickly becoming one of the younger "old timers" at the Forest Theater, Mark is active as Players Chair and is proud of the fantastic job done by the entire cast and crew. A special "tip of the hat" to our producers, Gala and Nancy, whose tireless efforts keep everything on track and running smoothly.

Craig Schieber has directed, choreographed and acted in the NW for over 30 years. His favorite shows are ones with multiage casts; wisdom is shared across generations in both directions. Thanks to Lee Ann Hittenberger for inspiration. Craig also directs the Teacher Certification Programs at City U of Seattle.

Debbie Valenta, returning for her 8th season with the Players, has enjoyed the challenge of orchestrating and performing the zany music for *Seussical the Musical* on the keyboard. She has been teaching piano lessons for over 25 years and plays piano at Chico Alliance Church in Bremerton.

Cast Bios

Marion Allred has taught school in Arkansas, Germany, Scotland and Seattle. She now does substitute teaching in Monroe. Her first Players show was in 1972. This is her 22nd show at this Theater. Other theatrical experiences include Gilbert & Sullivan Society, Civic Light Opera, and Sky Valley Theater.

Katie Beudert is a recent graduate of Bennington College. She moved to Seattle this past fall to work with ACT theatre. This is her first show with the Mountaineers Players. Past shows have included *Time and Motion Study, The Telephone, Dido and Aeneas* and *The Last 5 Years.*

Katelyn Cooper is in the 3rd grade and excited to be in her 7th season with the Mountaineers. Favorite past roles include Chip in *Beauty and the Beast* (Mountaineers), both Gretl and Marta in *The Sound of Music,* and Cruela deVil in *101 Dalmatians* Kids. She would like to thank her parents for their support.

Nicole Cooper enjoys any role that will let her use her gymnastics skills. She has spent time on the stage flip-flopping as a Russian Dancer in *Fiddler on the Roof,* cartwheeling as a wolf and the rug in *Beauty and the Beast,* and is thrilled to join the Circus McGurkus as an acrobat.

Lily Davis, 18, is an aspiring singer, dancer, and actress! Her first love since birth is performing. She is ecstatic and absolutely cannot wait to attend college in the fall at Point Park University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania as an acting major! Lily thoroughly enjoys *Seussical* with the Mountaineers!

Laura Eby has helped out with the Players all of her life. Her first show was *Music Man* (2001). When she is not on stage, she likes to read or hang with friends.

Martha Eby has been active in the Players all of her life. Her first show was *The Hobbit* (1970). In addition to being on stage, she enjoys helping with costumes.

Ashleigh Emmons is returning for her 7th show with the players. Next year she will attend William Woods University to major in Musical Theatre and ASL Interpreting. Favorite roles: Anne Frank (*Diary of Anne Frank*), Elizabeth (*Robin Hood: The Legend Continues)* and Peter Pan (*Peter Pan*).

Mick Etchoe loved musicals then quite by mishap, He learned of a theater way out in Kitsap. Now singing and dancing and acting and more, He's happy to say this is show number four.

Valerie Foster is a freshmen in high school and has performed with the Mountaineers for 10 years. She is also doing the summer show in August. When not on stage with her parents, she likes to sing in the school choir and read.

Walt Foster first appeared on the Mountaineers stage in 1988. Generally speaking, he receives his orders from his wife (Music Director, Gail) and issues orders (frequently ignored) to his daughter, Valerie.

Bryan Hanner, 11, is thrilled to return to the Forest Theater for a 3rd show. Recent credits: Broadway TroikAsia *Sound of Music* Int'l Tour (Kurt Von Trapp), *Peter Pan* Broadway Nat'l Tour (Michael), Jungle Book (Mowgli). He loves building his treehouse, dancing and Doctor Who. www.bryanhanner.com.

Karri Hart is doing her first show with the Players. She made her Seattle debut last summer as Celia in the Eclectic Theatre Company's *As You Like It*, and past shows include *WASP, Once Upon a Mattress,* and *Brother Love's Traveling Salvation Show.* She thanks the cast for being so great to work with.

Nathaniel Jones is happy to be back home performing in Washington after two years in Texas, where he appeared in Henry V, Oedipus, and Tartuffe, in addition to writing comedy sketches for Austin's Esther's Follies. For more info, check out my website: NathanielJones.com.

Bill Kilpatrick can be seen playing various Who's and jungle creatures in this production of *Seussical*. He has played Officer Lockstock in *Urintown: The Musical* at Seattle Children's theatre, and most recently originated the role of Dean in the Village Theatre Kidstage Company Original play *Save As…*

Callie Maxson is a 13 year old who loves singing, dancing, and acting. When she's not singing in the shower, she enjoys reading and snowboarding. This is her second performance with the Players. She recently performed as Helen Keller in the Sky Valley Performing Arts production of *The Miracle Worker.*

Jake Maxson is an 11 year old from Monroe, Washington. This is his first production with the Players. When he's not performing, he enjoys drawing, skateboarding and snowboarding.

Peter Nolte is excited to be performing in his first production with the Kitsap Forest Theater. He graduated from Abilene Christian University with a BFA in Theatre in 2007, and since then has been working on the east coast, and more recently in Seattle with Taproot Theatre's Road Company.

Luke Reinert is in 6th grade at Washington Middle School and this is his 5th year with the Players. His favorite role was a lost boy in *Peter Pan*. He enjoys karate, skiing, fencing, archery, yo-yoing and horseback riding.

Kate Reinert, a junior at Garfield High School, is appearing in her 6th show with the Players. Her passion is musical theatre but she also enjoys reading, horseback riding, and karate. She has done shows with Stone Soup, Broadway Bound and Garfield and is currently props manager for her school production.

David Roby is a proud SPU Theatre graduate, and is thrilled to make his Players debut in *Seussical.* David's recent credits include the Sherlock Holmes play *Crucifer of Blood* and the Genie in *Aladdin* at Centerstage. David would like to thank the sunshine … or rain, and this wonderful cast and crew.

Zyanya Santuario-Guillen is a junior at Garfield High School and an exchange student from Campeche, Mexico. She is excited to be in her first stage show ever and is happy to share the experience with her host brother and sister, Luke and Kate. She enjoys dancing and is on the LaCross team at school.

Dany Savy is tremendously excited to be performing with new friends at the beautiful Kitsap Forest Theater after graduating from the American Musical & Dramatic Academy last May. Her favorite role so far: Jack's Mother, *Into the Woods* (Labour of Love Prod.), but Sour Kangaroo is quickly climbing the charts!

Gary E. Spees has been involved in theater and film since 1976. In February he directed the musical *Narnia* in Silverdale. He is a retired Naval Flight Officer and public school teacher. He has been part of the music ministry at Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church for over 30 years.

Grace Tapia, 7 years old, attends first grade at Fruitland Elementary. This will be her third play, and second show with the Mountaineers. She is happy to play the young Kangaroo in this amazing musical, and loves being in this show with her sister, Renee, and best friend, Katelyn. Enjoy the show!

Renee Tapia, 13 years old, attends 7th grade at Kalles Jr. High. She has been involved in theater since she was 6 years old, and completely loves it! This is her second shows at the beautiful Kitsap Forest Theater. She was a wolf in last year's *Beauty and the Beast*. She is enjoying her role as a Wickersham.

Ashley Vinyard, hailing from Mountlake Terrace, is enjoying her 2nd year with the Mountaineers Players. Her hobbies include collecting anime, reading, singing, and acting. Also, she loves doing anything artistic.

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CHOREOGRAPHER: Guy Caridi
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COSTUMER: Margie Kluth
SET DESIGN: Will Gray/Chris Stanley

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Seussical Characters by Song

Act One

Oh, The Thinks You Can Think ..... Cat in the Hat, Boy, Horton, Gertrude, Mayzie, Sour Kangaroo, Mr. & Mrs. Mayor, Schmitz, Ensemble
Horton Hears A Who ..... Horton, Bird Girls, Citizens of the Jungle
Biggest Blame Fool ..... Sour Kangaroo, Young Kangaroo, Horton, Wickersham Brothers, Bird Girls, Cat in the Hat, Gertrude, Mayzie, Yertle, Citizens of the Jungle, Boy
Here on Who ..... Mayor, Mrs. Mayor, Whos, Grinch, Horton
Oh, The Thinks You Can Think (Reprise) ..... Cat in the Hat, Jojo
It's Possible ..... Cat in the Hat, Jojo, Fish
How To Raise a Child ..... Mr. & Mrs. Mayor
The Military ..... Schmitz, Cadets, Cat in the Hat
Alone in the Universe ..... Horton, Jojo
The One Feather Tail of Miss Gertrude McFuzz ..... Gertrude
Amayzing Mayzie ..... Mayzie, Gertrude, Bird Girls
Amayzing Gertrude ..... Gertrude, Bird Girls, Cat in the Hat
Monkey Around ..... Wickershams
Chasing the Whos ..... Sour Kangaroo, Bird Girls, Wickershams, Cat in the Hat, Horton, Whos, Citizens of the Jungle
How Lucky You Are ..... Cat in the Hat
Notice Me, Horton ..... Gertrude, Horton
How Lucky You Are (Reprise) ..... Mayzie, Cat in the Hat
Horton Sits on the Egg ..... Horton, Gertrude, Bird Girls
How Lucky You Are (Reprise) ..... Horton, Gertrude, Cat in the Hat, Jojo, Whos, Hunters

Act Two

Seussical Entr'acte ..... Cat in the Hat
Egg, Nest & Tree ..... Sour Kangaroo, Bird Girls, Wickershams, Ensemble
The Circus McGurkus ..... Cat in the Hat, Circus Members
How Lucky You Are (Reprise) ..... Horton, Cat in the Hat, Circus Members
Mayzie in Palm Beach ..... Mayzie, Cat
Amayzing Horton ..... Mayzie, Horton
Alone in the Universe (Reprise) ..... Horton
Solla Sollew ..... Horton, Circus Members, Jojo, Mr. & Mrs. Mayor
Green Eggs and Ham ..... Who Cadets, Schmitz, Jojo
The Whos' Christmas Pageant ..... Whos, Grinch
Solla Sollew (Reprise) ..... Who Cadets, Schmitz, Mr. & Mrs. Mayor
JoJo Alone in the Universe ..... Jojo
Havin' A Hunch ..... Cat in the Hat, Hunches, Jojo
All For You ..... Cat in the Hat, Gertrude, Bird Girls, Horton
The People Versus Horton the Elephant ..... Cat in the Hat, Yertle, Horton Sour Kangaroo, Bird Girls, Wickershams, Whos, Mr. & Mrs. Mayor, Young Kangaroo, Jojo, Ensemble
Yopp!/Alone in the Universe (Reprise) ..... Gertrude, Horton, All
Oh, The Thinks You Can Think! (Reprise) ..... All
Green Eggs & Ham (Reprise) ..... All

Cast of Characters

Cat in the Hat ..... Peter Nolte
Horton the Elephant ..... Nathaniel Jones
JoJo/Boy ..... Bryan Hanner
Gertrude McFuzz/Fish ..... Ashleigh Emmons
Mayzie La Bird/Fish/Wickersham/Hunch/Dancer ..... Lily Davis
Sour Kangaroo/Fish/Hunch/Dancer ..... Dany Savy
Baby Kangaroo/Who Cadet/Circus ..... Grace Tapia
General Schmitz ..... Walt Foster
Mr. Mayor/Circus ..... David Roby
Mrs. Mayor/Bird Girl ..... Katie Beudert
Grinch/Circus/Hunch ..... Mick Etchoe
Yertle the Turtle/Vlad Vladikoff/Circus/Hunch ..... Gary E. Spees
Wickersham/Fish/Circus/Hunch ..... Callie Maxson
Wickersham/Fish/Circus/Hunch ..... Renee Tapia
Bird Girl/Who Cadet/Hunter/Circus ..... Katelyn Cooper
Bird Girl/Fish ..... Valerie Foster
Bird Girl/Hunch ..... Karri Hart
Bird Girl ..... Kate Reinert
Who/Fish/Jungle/Circus/Hunch ..... Marion Allred
Who/Fish/Jungle/Circus/Hunch ..... Nicole Cooper
Who/Jungle/Circus/Hunch ..... Laura Eby
Who/Fish/Jungle/Circus/Hunch ..... Martha Eby
Who/Jungle/Circus ..... Bill Kilpatrick
Jungle/Who Cadet/Hunter/Circus ..... Jake Maxson
Jungle/Who Cadet/Circus ..... Luke Reinert
Jungle/Who Cadet/Hunter/Circus ..... Zya Santuario
Jungle/Who/Fish/Circus/Hunch ..... Ashley Vinyard

Theater In the Wild, a pictorial history of the Mountaineers Kitsap Forest Theater and Rhododendron Preserve is for sale at the Information Booth. Read about the rich history of the preserve, theater and plays dating back to 1923.

Music and Dance Staff

Music Director ..... **Gail Foster**
Keyboardist/Synthesizer Orchestrator ..... **Debbie Valenta**
Assistant to Debbie ..... **Aubrey Beard**
Drummer/Percussionist ..... **Bryson Breakey**
Choreographer ..... **Guy Caridi**
Assistant Choreographers ..... **Lily Davis, Dany Savy**
Dance Captain ..... **Katie Beudert**

Production Staff

Co-Producers ..... **Nancy Estill, Gala Lindvall**
Stage Manager ..... **Melinda Bunnage**
Costumes ..... **Margie Kluth**
Martha Eby, Lisa Emmons, Gail Foster, Sherri Gray, Bobbie Phillips, Gary Spees, Wendy Tapia
Special thanks to CStock and Seattle Musical Theater for loaning costumes.
Set Design & Construction ..... **Will Gray, Chris Stanley**
Scott Baker, Tamrat Buche, Lily Davis, Ashleigh Emmons, Nancy Esill, Curtis & Dawn Hanner, Henry Hiltner, Gala Lindvall, Missy Maxson, Luke Reinert, David Roby, Zya Santuario, Dany Savy, Craig Schieber
Props ..... **Nancy Estill, Cindy Taylor**
Bryson Breakey, Lisa Emmons, Gail Foster, Valerie Foster, Katherine Morgan, Chris Stanley, Diana Stearns, Laughter Masters (Mario Lorenz)
Make-Up ..... **Ashleigh Emmons, Zya Santuario**
Sound Design ..... **Mark Malnes**
Sound Engineer ..... **Greg Brown**
Trail Decorations ..... **Gary Spees**
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Program ..... **Gala Lindvall**

Director's Notes

The creation and production of *Seussical, the Musical* in 2000 is one of those events that went under the radar for most Americans. Too bad! Looking at the contributors, you will see that the list includes Eric Idle of Monty Python fame. That should give you a clue that, as the Cat says in the play, "this ain't no Mother Goose." This show is for all ages in message but also in its large variety of humor.

Just as Bugs Bunny can tickle the funny bone of people at all points in life, so *Seussical* throws in references for the whole family. You'll see classic slapstick humor that will make your 6 year old giggle with delight while grandma and grandpa chuckle at the Cat's homage to Louis Armstrong. Like Bugs Bunny, the Cat delighted us in our childhood and as we come back to him as adults, we find that we can rediscover Dr. Seuss with new eyes and experiences. Now, as parents or grandparents, we see the Cat's antics with a different slant. Perhaps it took the genius of a madman like Eric Idle to help bring that home. Who knows – but it makes for good theater, here at the Kitsap Forest Theater or in Whoville.

Craig Schieber

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