Kitsap Forest Theater *Oklahoma!* Cast Bios

Marion Allred has taught school in Arkansas, Germany, Scotland and Seattle. Her first Players show was in 1972. This is her 24th show at this Theater. Other theatrical experiences include Gilbert & Sullivan Society, Civic Light Opera, and Sky Valley Theater. Her favorite role here was a pirate in *Peter Pan*!

Laura-Mae Baldwin is happy as a clam to have found the Mountaineers Players and the Kitsap Forest Theater. What a jewel! I have so appreciated being welcomed into this theater family, and being given the opportunity to be in a play alongside my daughter Sylvie.

Sylvie Baldwin is ecstatic to be working with the Kitsap Forest Theater for the first time. She is a graduate of the Young Actor Institute at Seattle Children's Theatre, and will be a freshman at Mt Holyoke College next fall. She is thankful for her family, Laura and Alden, and the immense wisdom of Alban Dennis.

Jacob Caspe is 14 and preforming at the Kitsap Forest Theater for the first time. He loves it and wants to be in many more plays here. This is the most fun he's had out of the few productions he's been in.

Charlie Castillo, a fifth grader, is enjoying participating in his second musical. He is an avid reader, who also enjoys singing, taking drama classes, playing the trumpet, bike riding and snow boarding.

Meagan Castillo, after years of performing indoors, couldn't say no to the opportunity to combine her love of hiking with her love of theater. She's also thrilled sharing the experience with her son Charlie.

Shaina Cochrane is excited for her first KFT show. Favorite roles: Gertie (*Oklahoma!)*, Cora Lee (*The Town that Couldn't Wake Up*) with Disney's STAGE, Bird Girl (*Seussical*), Charlotte (*Oliver!*), and Mrs. Soames (*Our Town*). Shaina would like to thank her friends and family, and an amazing cast and crew!

David Cravens is making his debut with the Mountaineers this season. He attended Cornish College of the Arts, has been performing locally since 2004, is a dedicated student of the Bard and creator of Almost Shakespeare. Into the vasty deep!

Brandon Deane is enjoying his first show in the forest. He's very proud to say he has yet to get eaten by a bear.

Jamie Estill is happy to be back in his cowboy boots from *Fiddler*, *State Fair*, and *Robin Hood, the Return*. This time he actually gets to be a cowboy.

Mick Etchoe is happy to be here in this beautiful theater for his lucky number 7th show.

Valerie Foster is a junior in high school and this is her 12th year performing with the Mountaineers and the 15th show she has been involved in. When not on stage she likes to sing in her school choir and read as many books as she can find.

Walt Foster has appeared in Mountaineers Players productions since 1988. To play a judge this year he drew inspiration from memories of his grandfather Walter, a long-time South Dakota circuit court judge. He'd probably object.

Cooper Harris-Turner is thrilled to be back at the Kitsap Forest Theater once again! He grew up doing shows here such as *Secret Garden*, *The Music Man*, *Peter Pan*, and *The Fantasticks*, just to name a few.

Jon-Erik Hegstad is performing in his third show in the Puget Sound area (the 1st at the KFT) and he couldn't be happier that it is in this amazing space. He has a B.S. in theatre with a minor in Shakespeare from Southern Oregon University. The more you have of it, the less you see. What is it?

Tyler Hersey, fresh back from the real Oklahoma, was brought into the production due to a fateful call from an old friend and though reluctant at first has gained new appreciation for theater and acting as a whole. He also does all his own stunts.

Danette Lam is performing in her first play ever. Singing, dancing, acting, and fighting – she is having an experience of a life time with her daughter Jessica.

Jessica Lam is in 7th grade and has performed in many children's community plays. This is her first performance with the Kitsap Forest Theater. She is having an exciting time with the KFT family and helping her mom learn how to sing, dance, and act.

Brian Lindvall's previous roles at the Kitsap Forest Theater include Alan-a-Dale: *Robin Hood – The Legend Continues*, Ben: *The Secret Garden*, Herr Zeller: *Sound of Music* (twice!), Rabbi's son: *Fiddler on the Roof* and Egeus/Starveling: *Rock & Roll Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Craig McCoy, as a child, used to wake daily to the opening song from *Oklahoma!* "Oh what a beautiful morning." He's glad to be back again with the good folks at the beautiful Kitsap Forest Theater performing in *Oklahoma!* for his first time in 45 years of acting.

Katie McCoy is enjoying her 12th season with the Mountaineers Players – especially because she gets to be in a show with her wonderful grandson Aiden! Many thanks to the terrific cast and crew and to her husband Craig McCoy for always being willing to spend the springtime at the Kitsap Forest Theater!

Cheryl Phillips has been performing at the KFT since *Three Musketeers* (1982). Favorite shows here: *State Fair, Secret Garden, Wizard of Oz* and the 1980's production of *Oklahoma!* as Aunt Eller! Other favorite shows: *Nunsense, Quilters* and *Pirates of Penzance*. By day she improvises as a middle school teacher.

Lauren Mikov is excited to be channeling her mean girl side as Gertie in *Oklahoma!* The mean streak continues this summer when she'll be playing Florinda, Cinderella's wicked stepsister, in *Into the Woods.* She stumbled upon the theater several years ago while looking for a hike on the Mountaineers' website.

Kate Reinert is happy to be in her 8th Players' production before she starts college this fall. When not acting and singing onstage, Kate can be found acting and singing at home, about town, and pretty much anywhere she happens to be, including Argentina, where she recently spent 5 months volunteering.

Luke Reinert is in 8th grade at Hamilton Int'l Middle School. He enjoys sharing the stage with his sister Kate and is thrilled to be in his 5th show with the Players. Luke also enjoys skiing and playing the guitar.

Jessica Rothwell is quite excited to be all theatrical and such in the great outdoors for the first time. In the fall she will be leaving the woods for the urban jungle as she joins NYU's class of 2015.

Anderson Shaw is happy to be in his second production at the Kitsap Forest Theater. Some of his other recent credits include Jeffrey in last year's *Godspell* here at the Kitsap Forest Theater, Louis Fensterspock in *Awesome 80's Prom* at Comcast Arena and Tulalip Resort, and Cornelius in King's Player's *Hello Dolly!*

Lani Smith is thrilled to be making her debut at the Kitsap Forest Theater. When not dancing in the mud, she likes to indulge her passions for writing, photography, and music.

Aiden Sumner will be entering 1st grade at St. Mark Catholic School in Shoreline. He enjoys playing his DS and running and exploring in this beautiful forested place. He comes from a long line of Players: Great Grandma, Great Grandpa, Nana, Grandpa, his mom and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

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Scott Baker has been involved with the Players since 2000 when his two boys joined the cast of *Secret Garden*. He has been an actor, sign designer, set builder and shuttle driver.

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

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.

Megan Duncan is psyched to be the stage manager for the Kitsap Forest Theater. Along with theater she spends her time singing, climbing trees and building/decorating the world with duct tape.

Jenny Estill is loving the chance to direct at the theater where she spent so many happy years onstage. Favorite KFT roles include Wendy *(Peter Pan)* & Anne *(Anne of Green Gables)*. Since returning from Davidson College (BA in theatre), she has worked with Stone Soup Theatre and Taproot Theatre Co.

Nancy Estill is producing her 14th play for the Mountaineers Players at the Kitsap Forest Theater. She looks forward to the blooming of the rhododendrons every May.

Gail Foster has loved this theater since she saw her first show here in 1964. She enjoys the opportunity that this group presents to make music, act and dance in the great outdoors. The chance to do it with her family (Walt & Valerie) just makes it even better.

Will Gray has been building and designing sets at the Kitsap Forest Theater since 2005 when he was a pirate in *Peter Pan.* He is equally at home swinging a sword or a hammer as he is a contractor (Gray Construction Services) by day.

Margie Kluth is "sew" happy to be working with KFT in another production. Thanks to the cast and crew and all the volunteers who have made this experience more than "OK".

Gala Lindvall is producing her 17th show for the Mountaineers Players. Her love of this amazing theater keeps her coming back every year. Thanks to a stellar production staff and cast!

Mark Malnes: Testing...1,2,3... Testing... Is this thing on??.... Hello!..... Quickly becoming one of the younger "old timers" at the Kitsap Forest Theater, Mark is grateful for his loving bride who is every bit as strong and determined as Aunt Eller in real life.

Natalie Stephenson has been studying piano for 6 years and loves it. This is her first play ever. She enjoys reading, writing, and adventure movies.

Debbie Valenta is happy to be returning for her 10th season with the Players. She has spent many "beautiful mornings" in the woods at the lovely Kitsap Forest Theater. She has been teaching piano lessons for over 30 years and plays piano at Chico Alliance Church in Bremerton.

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