Cast Bios

Marlene Anderson is thrilled to have found her way back to this magical place to perform in *Fiddler* and *Footloose*. From the Mountaineers' 1974 *Brigadoon* to over 100 roles around Seattle and 10 performance tours in the former Soviet Union, Marlene has written, directed, and performed in musical theatre.

Laura-Mae Baldwin is delighted to be back in the Kitsap Forest Theater after her debut in *Oklahoma!* in 2011. Singing and dancing in the forest, what could be better? She sends her love to Carl for his unending support.

Sylvie Baldwin worked with the Kitsap Forest Theater for the first time last year in *Oklahoma!* She was swept away by the beauty of the property. When she's not dancing on stage you can find her swimming in the creek or serenading the rhododendrons on her viola.

Miranda Boulden is really pumped to be kickin' it in her red cowboy boots here at KFT! She'd like to thank her mommy and daddy for listening and paying attention to her feelings, because if they didn't . . .

Mike Bowers is incredibly excited to return to the forest to play the role of Ren! Previous roles include Jack in *Into the Woods* (KFT), Man #1 in *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* (SMT), Bartok in *Anastasia* (Cornish) and IQ in *Hairspray* (SMT). Upcoming: Nikos in *Legally Blonde* (SMT).

Melissa Carter is psyched to be a part of Kitsap Forest Theater for the first time! Her most recent roles include Edna in *Hairspray* and Aslan in *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* at Garfield High School, where she will be entering senior year in the fall.

Shaina Cochrane is excited to be in her second production at KFT. Favorite roles: Gertie *(Oklahoma!),* Cora Lee in Disney STAGE's *(The Town that Couldn't Wake Up),* 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!

Becky Eastgard is in her first KFT production. She was bit by the acting bug last winter in BPA's production of *The Women*, where she played 4 parts. She thanks the cast and production staff for a fantastic time!

Michael Faigenblum is happy to be performing at the Kitsap Forest Theater for the first time. He has 10 years of theater experience including high school and community theaters and is thrilled to be Cowboy Bob.

Gail Foster is a long-time Mountaineers Player who has been seen onstage in numerous shows. She has also previously shared her talents as Music Director, Costumer, Stage Manager, and in other capacities behind-the-scenes. She is enjoying the chance to perform with her daughter and husband again.

Valerie Foster is a recent graduate of Ballard High School and will attend Western Washington University this fall. This is Valerie's 17th production with the Mountaineers, in a variety of roles. When not on stage, she likes to sing and enjoys reading as many books as she can.

Walt Foster has performed a variety of roles on the Kitsap Forest Theater stage, though this is his first summer production. For his role as the father of a wayward teenager he sincerely thanks his daughter Valerie for providing inspiration without the aggravation.

Purcelle Harris appeared as a mean Russian in this spring's *Fiddler on the Roof*. His role of Coach Dunbar is right up his military retiree's alley, having wrestled and played football for many years! Enjoy the show!

Shayla Harris also shared the stage with her dad in *Fiddler*. Art, animals, and athletics are what makes her heart sing. After graduating high school last year, she retired her wrestling singlet to pursue her truest passion – acting! "Cut loose" and enjoy!

Laura Lynn Horst is thrilled to be making her debut at KFT. For the past 3 years she was the Vocal Instructor for the world tour of Up with People traveling to Europe, Mexico and Asia. She has a BFA in Theatre from Nebraska Wesleyan. Favorite roles: Hodel (*Fiddler*), Robyn (*Godspell*). Thanks to Mom and Dad!

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*, Egeus/Starveling: *Rock & Roll Midsummer Night's Dream* and Cinderella's Stepfather in *Into the Woods*.

Nicholas Martin stumbled upon the magical world of Kitsap Forrest Theater through his contacts at Cornish College of the Arts, where he's working on a BFA in Theater Arts. Martin hails from Bainbridge Island where he took part in many productions (High School, Ovation Musical Theater & Bainbridge Performing Arts).

Mitchell Poynter is enjoying his second show at the Kitsap Forest Theater. He appeared as Fyedka in *Fiddler on the Roof* this spring - where he showed off his skills as an awesome Russian dancer.

Travis Roderick is so excited to make his Kitsap Forest Theater debut. A company member of Ballard's only Theatre Company, Ghost Light Theatricals, Travis has also worked with the Seattle Children's Theatre and Book-It Repertory Theatre. He has a BA in Theatre from Seattle Pacific University.

Christian Saether thanks the Mountaineers Players for the opportunity to be in his first musical show since high school. Everyone else in his wonderful family performs, and he felt compelled to give it a try!

Ray Sandberg is super happy to work with this awesome cast at the Kitsap Forest Theater.

Anderson Shaw is happy to be in his 3rd production at the Kitsap Forest Theater. He was Will Parker in *Oklahoma!* and Jeffrey in *Godspell* here, Louis Fensterspock in *Awesome 80's Prom* at Comcast Arena and Tulalip Resort, and Cornelius in King's Player's *Hello Dolly*!

Carol Stanley is excited to be in her first show at the Kitsap Forest Theater. Favorite roles: Sister Berthe (*Sound of Music*) and Citizen of the Jungle of Nool (*Seussical*). She dedicates this performance to her amazing family and friends.

Ryan Styers is excited to be performing here at the Kitsap Forrest Theater! He would like to thank his mother for being a constant source of support and inspiration. Thank you all for coming, and enjoy the show!

Malia Zurcher is super excited to be playing Rusty in her first show with Kitsap Forest Theater! She is entering her senior year as a Drama student at UW. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Production Staff Bios

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 has really enjoyed stage managing her third show with the Kitsap Forest Theater and will miss this group while up at college (Western) these next four years.

Olivia Hickerson is thrilled to be working with the coolest musicians in Kitsap County, including her amazing co-musicians this summer. In addition to community theater, Olivia plays with the swing band *Rude and Unprofessional*, sings with the kids of *Calvary Chapel Poulsbo*, and plays at *Seaside Church*.

Rupert Kettle is a private music teacher from Kingston. He's been involved in many productions locally including *Godspell* at KFT in 2010. He was recently music director for *Bye Bye Birdie* at CStock/Silverdale.

Barbara Klingberg (Betty Blast, Costumer) dyed her hair red in a desperate attempt to be cast as a high schooler in *Footloose* . . . it didn't work! She was Granny is last summer's *Into the Woods* and is costuming her third show with the Players.

Gala Lindvall is producing her 20th 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!

Kelvin Mason is enjoying his second time playing bass for the Kitsap Forest Theater (first was *Godspell*) and he is honored to play with such good musicians and for such talented actors. He is a music student at Seattle University and loves the out-of-doors.

Cailin Mackenzie is excited to work sound for his first show here. He's majoring in Music and Environmental Studies at Tufts University (Boston), and previous roles include Macbeth *(Macbeth*), Tom Collins (*RENT*) & Charles (*Pippin*). He can be heard as a Warbler on FOX's Glee. Thanks all for an awesome process!

Ken Michels was pleasantly surprised to be asked to direct *Footloose* for the KFT and is grateful to the Players for allowing him to cut loose. A special thanks to his family, wife Shawna and daughters, Sofie and Amelia for being there when he stops by home. To this wonderfully talented cast, " you make my job easy."

Scott Schmittler has settled down locally to a happy career as a church music director/player/singer after many years touring and performing in every genre from opera to jazz. *Footloose* is his first show with KFT. He has degress in Music Ed/Performance (U of Oregon) and Theology from Northwest Christian Univ.

Jeff Thirloway has been directing choirs since college and performing in community theatre since high school - KFT provides his first opportunity to merge the two. He is also co-founder, with wife Melissa, and director of Seattle-based choir, *Joyful! Noise*.

Many thanks to the donors and volunteers who help keep this magical theater and property functioning. We have many ongoing projects that need volunteer labor and funding including:

- Greg Brown Sound Project (to upgrade sound at the theater)
- "To Flush or Not to Flush" (to upgrade bathrooms at the property)
- Theater Roofing Project (replace leaking roofs)

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Director: Ken Michels
Music Director: Jeff Thirloway
Choreographer: Guy Caridi
Instrumental Director/Keyboardist: Olivia Hickerson
Costumer: Barbara Klingberg
Set Designer: Ken Michels

Stage adaptation by Dean Pitchford & Walter Bobbie. Based on the screen play by Dean Pitchford. Music by Tom Snow. Lyrics by Dean Pitchford. Add'l music by Eric Carmen, Sammy Hagar, Kenny Loggins & Jim Steinman.

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Synopsis of Scenes

Act 1

Scene 1a **The City of Chicago**
Footloose ..... Ren, Rusty, Wendy Jo, Urleen & Company
Scene 1b **The Town of Bomont, in Church**
On Any Sunday ..... Rev. Shaw Moore, Ren, Ethel & Company
Scene 2 **The Churchyard**
Scene 3 **Behind a Gas Station**
The Girl Gets Around ..... Chuck, Ariel, Travis, Lyle, Boys & Girls
Scene 4 **A High School Hallway**
I Can't Stand Still ..... Ren
Somebody's Eyes ..... Rusty, Urleen, Wendy Jo & Company
Scene 5 **The Moore Home**
Learning to be Silent ..... Vi & Ethel
Scene 6 **The Burger Blast**
Holding Out for a Hero .... Ariel, Rusty, Wendy Jo, Urleen & Girls
Scene 7 **The Great Plains of Bomont**
Somebody's Eyes (Reprise) ..... Rusty, Wendy Jo, Urleen
Scene 8 **The Moore Home**
Somebody's Eyes (Reprise) ..... Rusty, Wendy Jo, Urleen
Heaven Help Me ..... Rev. Shaw Moore
Scene 9 **The High School Gym/The Church**
I'm Free/Heaven Help Me ..... Ren, Rev. Shaw & Company

Act 2

Scene 1 **The Bar-B-Que, a Country/Western Dance Hall**
Still Rockin' ..... Cowboy Bob & his Band
Let's Hear it for the Boy ..... Rusty & Company
Scene 2 **The Moore Home**
Can You Find it in your Heart? Vi
Scene 3 **The Junk Yard**
Mama Says ..... Willard & Boys
Mama Says (Encore) ..... Willard & Boys
Scene 4 **Under the Train Bridge**
Almost Paradise ..... Ren & Ariel
Scene 5 **The Town Hall**
Dancing is Not a Crime ..... Ren, Boys & Girls
Scene 6 **The Church/Churchyard**
I Confess ..... Rev. Shaw Moore
Can You Find it in Your Heart? (Reprise) ..... Rev. Shaw Moore
Scene 7 **The Gym**
Footloose Finale ..... Company

Charlie Vail Memorial "Big Tree" Trail

One of the biggest trees on the Kitsap Peninsula is located right here on the Mountaineers Foundation Rhododendron Preserve. The trail to 'Big Tree' is about 1/2 mile long and starts near the historic Kitsap Cabin, ending at one of the 10 largest Douglas Fir trees in the world (2nd largest in Kitsap County). The hike takes you on a bridge over Wildcat Creek with views of Hidden Valley. Enjoy the chance to explore this beautiful property after the show.

Cast of Characters

Ren McCormack ..... Mike Bowers
Ethel McCormack ..... Gail Foster
Rev. Shaw Moore ..... Walt Foster
Vi Moore ..... Laura Lynn Horst
Ariel Moore ..... Miranda Boulden
Rusty ..... Malia Zurcher
Chuck Cranston ..... Travis Roderick
Willard Hewitt ..... ** Anderson Shaw
Urleen ..... * Sylvie Baldwin
Wendy Jo ..... Melissa Carter
Lyle/Cowboy Bob ..... Michael Faigenblum
Travis ..... Ray Sandberg
Jeter ..... Ryan Styers
Bickle ..... Nicholas Martin
Garvin ..... Mitchell Poynter
Lulu Warnicker ..... Marlene Anderson
Wes Warnicker ..... Brian Lindvall
Coach Roger Dunbar ..... Purcelle Harris
Eleanor Dunbar ..... Becky Eastgard
Betty Blast ..... Barbara Klingberg
Principal Clark ..... Christian Saether
Rebecca ..... Shaina Cochrane
Janis ..... Valerie Foster
Pepper Ann ..... Shayla Harris
Mary Joan ..... Carol Stanley
Barbara Sue ..... Laura-Mae Baldwin

* Dance Captain
** Fight Captain

Director's Notes

Life imitated art as Mike brought an incredible want and commitment to the show. Along with Sylvie's unbelievable energy, they took the dance numbers and made them fly. Miranda fit right in – smart and sassy, but so wanting to be good and as you will see, she is. Malia's infectious and wonderfully bright personality; Melissa's impeccable comic sense; Travis' joy in stepping up when asked; Carol, Shaina and Valerie's irreplaceable work ethic; Shayla saying yes to every challenge; Ryan, Mitch, Nick, Ray and Michael – I loved watching them grow everyday. Anderson, oh my goodness, what a treat with his talent and willingness. Purcelle, scary and funny; Brian, Christian and Gail so solid and dependable; I looked forward to what Marlene, Laura Mae, Becky and Barbara would come up with next. Walt, what a sheer pleasure working with this man. How deep his journey was and what incredible results and discoveries we witnessed.

Our brilliant and commited music director Jeff and Olivia with the band – so fantastic in making the music better; Cailen's commitment to having us be heard. And Guy, fellow schtickmeister, such a master of movement. Megan my rock, she speaks as I think. Well, that's ... wait! what's that up on the stage? It's a bird. It's a plane. It's my own personal super hero, Laura Lynn. There are no words – you came to our rescue many times.

The goose bumps and tears are perks of enjoying you. Thank you all. Now cut loose and have fun.

~ Ken Michels

Music & Dance Staff

Music Director ..... **Jeff Thirloway**
Band Director/Keyboardist ..... **Olivia Hickerson**
Guitarist ..... **Rupert Kettle**
Bass Guitarist ..... **Kelvin Mason**
Drummer ..... **Scott Schmittler**
Choreographer ..... **Guy Caridi**
Additional Choreography ..... **Sylvie Baldwin, Mike Bowers, Laura Lynn Horst**

Production Staff

Producers ..... **Nancy Estill & Gala Lindvall**
Director ..... **Ken Michels**
Asst. Director ..... **Laura Lynn Horst**
Stage Manager ..... **Megan Jones**
Asst. Stage Manager ..... **Angus Easton**
Costume Design & Construction ..... **Barbara Klingberg**
Kathy Doll, Lori Knoebel, Cindy Randall, Judy Sircoloumb
Set Design & Construction/Props ..... **Ken Michels**
Alex Pursel, Ray Sandberg
Sound Design ..... **Cailin Mackenzie**
Greg Brown, Marcus Hickerson
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