DIRECTOR'S NOTES

The original Mary Poppins books were written with each chapter acting as a stand-alone story. This worked great for bedtime story reading, however, this format did not translate easily to a full-length story on film or stage. If you saw "Saving Mr. Banks" you know that the process Disney followed to bring Mary to life on film was not easy or ultimately satisfying for the author, P.L. Travers.

After years of negotiating, the stage version was created with a story that more closely matched the author's wishes for depth in characters. This version differs from the movie by having a different mix of stories taken from the book series. It also presents a more tough minded, yet still playful and loving, Mary Poppins, with a stronger story line centered around the Banks family, especially focusing on George and Winifred Banks and their relationship.

This musical provides a broad range of entertainment including silly slapstick humor, delightful songs, great dance numbers, and stories of personal growth. Though the Broadway show is noted for flying and many special effects, we are excited to show you what a little Kitsap Forest Theater magic can do to transport you to Mary Poppins very special world of imagination.

~ Craig Schieber, Director

BIG TREE TRAIL

One of the delights of the Mountaineers' Kitsap Forest Theater is being surrounded by the Mountaineers Foundation Rhododendron Preserve – a 460 acre nature conservancy with over 70 acres of old-growth forest. Ancient western red cedars abound with many other trees, ferns and wildlife. One of the biggest trees on the Kitsap Peninsula is located on the 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 tree itself is over 30' in diameter. The hike takes you on a bridge over Wildcat Creek with views of Hidden Valley, blooming trillium, wild rhododendrons and many other native trees and plants. You truly feel as if you have entered another world.

If you hike the trail after the show, please be sure your car is not blocking anyone in. Please note that the first part of the trail is steep – wear walking shoes and enjoy your trek into another time and place!

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MOUNTAINEERS PLAYERS HISTORY

The rich history of The Mountaineers Players and the Kitsap Forest Theater began on a Spring day in 1909. A 'local walk' to view the wild blooming rhododendrons around Wildcat Lake began one of The Mountaineers most enduring traditions. The 'misguided' group of 66 Mountaineers wandered into Hidden Valley Ranch and met Edward Paschall and his family. A fast friendship was forged on that day.

A prominent activity among early Mountaineers visitors involved dramatic diversions. Skits, pantomimes, kangaroo-courts, and mock-weddings were performed using props and costumes at hand. The first theatrical effort that had any continuity was a pantomime staging of the *Legend of Sleepy Hollow* in 1916. The headless horseman rode on a bright, moonlit Halloween night. The skits and performances grew into a production of *Robin of Sherwood* on June 17, 1923.

The audience moved from clearing to clearing as different scenes were presented. The performance marked the birth of The Mountaineers Players who went on to produce an annual spring show on the property every year to the present day – the only exception being four years during World War II.

The increasing size of the audience and the relatively uncomfortable accommodations spurred the movement to build a permanent theater facility. William C. Darling and the Players business manager Claire McGuire scouted the site of the present day Kitsap Forest Theater. The site was a level spot with a gentle upward slope near Chico Creek. The Mountaineers felled trees, carved terraced seats in the hillside and lugged cedar bark from the creek bottom under Mr. Darling's direction. The original design of the theater attempted to recreate a naturally occurring glade in the forest. Trees were thinned to allow streams of light to fall on the stage while keeping the audience shaded. Wings were constructed out of cedar bark covered with moss. A lush row of fern footlights and rhododendrons and dogwoods filling the back drop are just a few of the natural wonders of this unique space.

The Mountaineers Players are one of the oldest, continuously operating community theater groups in the country, performing in one of the oldest outdoor theaters in North America. See our web site for more history of these early shows.

If you would like to be a part in helping to keep this magical place operating (both in helping with property work parties and/or donating money) please contact us. We are a proud part of The Mountaineers organization, a 501(c)3 non-profit. And if you would like to be involved in our shows, either behind the scenes or on stage, contact us by phone or email: players@foresttheater.com - 206-542-7815.

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Thank you for your support of the Mountaineers Players and the Kitsap Forest Theater.



May 24-25, 30-31, June 6-7, 13-14; 2015 • 2:00 pm

DIRECTOR:	Craig Schieber
MUSIC DIRECTOR:	Amy Beth Nolte
ACCOMPANIST:	Nikki Fey-Burgett
	Josh Zimmerman
CHOREOGRAPHER:	Guy Caridi
COSTUMES:	Barbara Klingberg
SETS:	Chris Stanley

KITSAP FOREST THEATER
Mountaineers Players

The Mountaineers Players have been performing at The Mountaineers' Kitsap Forest Theater since 1923 and are delighted to present their 92nd Anniversary Spring Show.

The Mountaineers Players production of Disney & Cameron Mackintosh's **MARY POPPINS** is a musical based on the stories of P.L. Travers & the Walt Disney Film • Original Music & Lyrics by Richard M. Sherman & Robert B. Sherman • Book by Julian Fellowes • New Songs & Add'l Music & Lyrics by George Stiles & Anthony Drewe • Co-Created by Cameron Mackintosh *Mary Poppins* is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized performance materials supplied by Music Theatre Int'l (MTI), 421 W 54th St., New York, NY 10019 212-541-4684 • 212-397-4684 (fax) • www.MTIShows.com

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Mary Poppins — Synopsis of Scenes

(London 1910)

Act One (Autumn)

Scene 1-2 **Rooftop, Street, Parlor**
Chim Chim Cher-ee (Prologue) ..... Bert
Cherry Tree Lane (Part 1).. George, Winifred, Mrs. Brill, Jane, Michael, Ay
The Perfect Nanny ..... Jane, Michael
Cherry Tree Lane (Part 2).. George, Winifred, Mrs. Brill, Jane, Michael, Ay

Scene 3 **Nursery**
Practically Perfect ..... Mary Poppins, Jane, Michael

Scene 4 **Park**
Chim Chim Cher-ee (Park Reprise) ..... Bert
Jolly Holiday ..... Bert, Mary Poppins, Jane, Michael, Neleus, Ensemble

Scene 5 **Parlor**
Let's Hope She Will Stay ..... George, Winifred, Jane, Michael

Scene 6 **Street, Kitchen**
Winds Do Change ..... Bert
A Spoonful of Sugar ..... Mary, Jane, Michael, Robertson Ay, Winifred

Scene 7 **Bank**
Precision and Order .. Bank Chairman, Clerks, Von Hussler, Northbrook
A Man Has Dreams ..... George

Scene 8 **Cathedral Steps**
Feed the Birds ..... Bird Woman, Mary Poppins, Ensemble

Scene 9 **Park**
Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious ..... Mary, Corry, Bert, Jane, Michael, Ens.

Scene 10 **Street, Parlor**
Twists and Turns ..... Bert

Scene 11 **Nursery**
Playing the Game ..... Mary, Valentine, Doll, Teddy Bear, Punch, Toys

Scene 12 **Roof**
Chim Chim Cher-ee ..... Bert, Mary Poppins

Act Two (Winter)

Scene 1 **Street, Parlor**
Cherry Tree Lane (Reprise) ..... Brill, Michael, Jane, Winifred, Ay, George
Brimstone and Treacle (Part 1) ..... Miss Andrew

Scene 2-4 **Park**
Let's Go Fly a Kite ..... Bert, Park Keeper, Jane, Michael, Mary, Kites
Good for Nothing/Being Mrs. Banks ..... George, Winifred

Scene 5-7 **Parlor, Nursery**
Brimstone and Treacle (Part 2) ..... Mary Poppins, Miss Andrew
Practically Perfect (Reprise) ..... Jane, Michael, Mary Poppins

Scene 8 **Roof, Nursery, Parlor**
Step in Time ..... Bert, Mary Poppins, Jane, Michael, Sweeps

Scene 9 **Parlor**
A Man Has Dreams (Reprise)/A Spoonful of Sugar (Reprise) ... George, Bert

Scene 10-13 **Nursery, Steps, Bank, Park**
Anything Can Happen ..... Mary Poppins, Bert, Jane, Michael, Ensemble
A Spoonful of Sugar (Reprise) ..... Mary Poppins

Cast of Characters

Bert ..... Merrill Matheson
Mary Poppins ..... Meagan Castillo
George Banks ..... Tod Harrick
Winifred Banks ..... Jenny Dreessen
Jane Banks ..... Lydia Salo
Michael Banks ..... Joseph Martinez
Mrs. Brill ..... Becky Eastgard
Robertson Ay ..... Oliver Girouard
Miss Andrew/Bird Woman ..... Dawn Brazel
Mrs. Corry/Sweep ..... Leslie Youngblood
Miss Lark/Bank Clerk ..... Deb Harrick
Admiral Boom/Bank Clerk ..... Gary Spees
Policeman/Magician/Bank Clerk/Sweep ..... Kevin Tanner
Katie Nanna/Sweep ..... Luciana Barrera
Park Keeper/Bank Clerk ..... Brian Lindvall
Neleus/Toy/Kite/Sweep ..... Jasmine Harrick
Queen Victoria Statue/Bank Clerk ..... Joan Barrera
Woodland Statue/Doll/Kite/Sweep ..... Sophie Walters
Woodland Statue/Toy/Kite/Sweep ..... Eliana Harrick
Woodland Statue/Toy/Kite ..... Emma Gunter
Bank Chairman ..... Jerry Dreessen
Von Hussler/Sweep ..... Anderson Shaw
Northbrook/Sweep ..... Christian Gunter
Miss Smythe/Sweep ..... Carol Stanley
Bank Clerk/Sweep ..... Guy Caridi
Bank Clerk/Sweep ..... Renee Cyr Johnson
Bank Clerk/Sweep ..... Shaina Cochrane
Annie/Valentine/Sweep ..... Katie Dreessen
Fannie/Mr. Punch/Sweep ..... Amanda Petrowski
Magician/Teddy Bear/Sweep ..... Jessica Lam
Magician/Kite Flyer/Sweep ..... Jaden Jones
Magician/Toy/Kite Flyer ..... Kate Oest-Larsen
Dog Puppeteer/Toy/Kite Flyer ..... Scooter Walters
Toy/Kite Flyer ..... Jamie Castillo
Toy/Kite Flyer ..... Maya Farsje
KFT Magician ..... Rebecca Pella
KFT Magician ..... Alfonso Barrera
KFT Magician ..... Madison Martinez

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Choreographer ..... **Guy Caridi**
Dance Assistant ..... **Molly Hall**
Music Director ..... **Amy Beth Nolte**
Keyboard Programmer/Audition Accompanist ..... **Greg Smith**
Accompanist (May 24-25) ..... **Nikki Fey-Burgett**
Accompanist (May 30-31, June 6-7, June 13-14) ..... **Josh Zimmerman**

Production Staff

Producer ..... **Gala Lindvall**
Director ..... **Craig Schieber**
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Costume Design & Construction ..... **Barbara Klingberg**
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