


# KITSAP FOREST THEATER
# MARY POPPINS CAST BIOS

**Alfonso Barrera** is thrilled to help make the magic happen in *Mary Poppins* despite working in San Francisco. Previously seen at KFT in *Fiddler* and *Honk!*, he truly values the opportunity to spend special time with family and friends in this beautiful place while finding rich subject matter for his photography.

**Joan Barrera,** previously in *Fiddler* and *Honk!*, loves joining her friends and family on stage. Watching the Banks family struggle to straighten out their priorities, she's grateful that her extended family greatly values spending quality time with loved ones and appreciating the beauty of nature that surrounds us.

**Luciana Barrera i**s a computer science student living a double life as a performer. She has appeared in *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Honk!* at KFT and *Les Miserables* at Peninsula Family Theater. She also loves baking cookies, playing with her cousins, and taking care of her pet birds (including feeding them).

**Dawn Brazel** has sung and danced onboard a cruise ship and performed in productions at Village Theatre and many other local theaters. Favorite roles: Joanne (*Company*), Mother Superior (*Nunsense 2*), Miss Hannigan (*Annie*). She last appeared on the KFT stage in 1994 as Nancy Twinkle (*Little Mary Sunshine*).

**Guy Caridi** is thrilled to finally be on stage after being on the production team for 13 years. As one of his favorite stories as a child, being in *Mary Poppins* is a dream come true. Much love and thanks to Karin for her support during this wonderfully crazy performance season.

**James Castillo** is excited to be a part of his 3rd KFT production, having previously performed in *Narnia* and *Honk!*. A 5th grader, James enjoys skiing, roller skating, singing, and playing video games.

**Meagan Castillo** is happy to spend another spring in the beautiful KFT and thrilled to be Mary Poppins. Previous KFT roles: Ado Annie (*Oklahoma!*), Rapunzel (*Into the Woods*), White Stag (*Narnia*), Maureen (*Honk!*). She is mom to 3 boys (sharing the stage with James) & will return this summer as Fiona in *Shrek*!

**Shaina Cochrane** is pleased to return to KFT after previously appearing in *Oklahoma!* and *Footloose*. She is a five year veteran performer in Snowflake Lane at the Bellevue Collection, performing as a character and as a Jingle Belle dancer the past two seasons.

**Renee Cyr,** after many years working backstage as a stage manager, dramaturge, and director including stage managing both KFT shows last season, is thrilled to be on stage once again for the first time since high school. She loves getting to dance with this great group of performers.

**Jenny Dreessen** has been playing in the forest with her family for 5 years: (Queenie-*Honk!*, White Witch -*Narnia*, Golde-*Fiddler*, Witch-*Into The Woods*, Baroness Schraeder-*Sound of Music*) When not on stage or enjoying summer weekends at Lake Crescent, she sings Sundays at St Thomas More Parish in Lynnwood.

**Jerry Dreessen** is happy to be out in the woods once again with his family, and representing "Theater Dads". Recent performances: Col. Greylag (*Honk!*); Steward (*Into The Woods*), Brother Anthony (*Tears of the Fallen,* local short film). Want to advertise in this program? Contact me at *Players@ForestTheater.com*

**Katie Dreessen**, 14, has been doing shows for 8 years and has been in 20 productions total. She has appeared on the KFT stage as Penny (*Honk*) & Susan (*Narnia*). She enjoys photography and food.

**Becky Eastgard** was last seen in *The Secret Garden* (2013) and *Footloose* (2012). She's also acted with Bainbridge Performing Arts, The Jewel Box, Port Gamble Theater, and Port Ludlow Players. She thanks "the team" for casting her. It's a wonderful team, a magical place, and a heavenly cast!

**Maya Farsje**, 3rd grade, is excited to be in her first KFT show. She enjoys singing, dancing, soccer and playing the violin. She spent last school year visiting 6 countries and learning to surf overhead waves!

**Oliver Girouard,** almost 12, is homeschooled. Favorite roles include Oliver (*Oliver!*), Ollie (*Yes Virginia*), and Stuart (*Stuart Little*). Oliver is excited for his KFT debut and wants to thank his mom, Grampy, and family of friends for all the support, and KFT for the amazing opportunity! Enjoy the show!

**Christian Gunter's** love of acting started in 8th grade when he was cast as Edmund in the *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. Father to woodland statue, Emma, Christian agreed to audition for *Mary Poppins* and "step right in" after Emma left a note on his pillow begging him to join her on stage.

**Emma Gunter**, 2nd grader at View Ridge Elementary, loves theater, especially the outdoor variety. She was thrilled to be an orphan in *Annie* last year, and has loved the super and kite-flying magic of *Mary Poppins*.

**Deb Harrick** is simply having a lark of a time with her splendid cast-mates, production crew and loving family. Past KFT shows include *Narnia*, *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Annie*. She is grateful for the opportunity to present family-friendly musical theater in such a magical venue.

**Eliana Harrick**, 9, is thrilled to return for her 4th KFT show after playing Molly in *Annie* last summer. Past performances include *Oliver!* at the 5th Avenue and Mrs. Gloop (*Willy Wonka)* and Evil Queen (*Wed Widing Hood*) at Edmonds Heights. She hopes you have a jolly holiday!

**Jasmine Harrick,** 11, is elated to return to KFT. Favorites roles: Annie (*Annie*), Mary (*The Secret Garden*) Lucy (*Narnia*) at KFT; *Oliver!*, *A Christmas Story,* Gracie (*The Music Man*) at 5th Avenue; Charlie (*Willy Wonka*), Young Fiona (*Shrek*), Baloo (*Jungle Book*) at Edmonds Heights. Anything can happen if you let it!

**Tod Harrick:** What a special opportunity it is to see live theater in these wondrous surroundings…the big tree…Craig, Guy, Amy Beth, Gala, Danette, (etc.) and the amazing cast…and my beautiful, supremely talented wife and children. There's nothing better than learning and playing in the woods together!

**Jaden Jones,** a 6th grader at Hamilton Int'l Middle School, loves acting, reading and hanging out with friends. She was in *Narnia* and *Honk* at KFT, and has done shows with KCMT and Broadway Bound.

**Jessica Lam** has been with KFT since 2011 either on stage or helping around back stage. She is a Running Start student at Highline College (Early Childhood Education degree) to be a preschool teacher. She is super excited to be playing the Teddy Bear. Enjoy the show!

**Brian Lindvall** has been in numerous Kitsap plays, including a singing wall in *Beauty and the Beast,* Cinderella's somewhat inebriated father in *Into the Woods*, Turkey (*Honk!*) & President Roosevelt (*Annie*).

**Joseph Martinez** is thrilled to be playing Michael Banks in his 3rd year at KFT. He was previously in *Narnia* and *Honk!* at KFT. He has been acting since he was 5 and has played Peter Pan, Freddie Mercury, and Captain Smith. Joseph is 10 years old, homeschooled, and enjoys playing Legos and Minecraft.

**Madison Martinez,** a 9th grader, has been acting in musical theater for many years, and this is her 2nd show at KFT. Previous roles include Pippi (*Pippi Longstocking*), Colin (*The Secret Garden*), Ermengarde (*The Matchmaker*), ensemble (*Mary Poppins* at Shorecrest HS). Madison enjoys drawing and reading.

**Merrill Matheson** is originally from Provo, Utah and holds a BA in theatre with a minor in ballroom dance from Brigham Young University and an MFA in arts leadership from Seattle University. He has worked in the Salt Lake City and Chicago markets and is excited for his first show at KFT!

**Kate Oest-Larsen,** 5th grader at St. Anne School, is thrilled to be in Mary Poppins at KFT! She was an Orphan in *Annie* last summer and a Forest Creature (*Narnia*) in 2013 & has been in school productions.

**Rebecca Pella,** in *Honk* last year, is excited to be back for her 2nd show at KFT She loves to perform.

**Amanda Petrowski** is a junior at Mountlake Terrace HS. She's having a "jolly holiday" in her KFT debut in the middle of the forest! Recent roles: Agnes/"Cow Butt" (*Gypsy*), Cecily Cardew (*The Importance of Being Earnest*), and Pilar (*Legally Blonde*). Much love to everyone involved in making this show possible.

**Lydia Salo,** 14 years old, is thrilled to be in her first production with KFT! She loves acting and playing in the forest with her fellow actors! She loves musical theater and her choir. Favorite roles: Shprinze (*Fiddler on the Roof* - SMT & KP's); School Girl (*Mikado* - Seattle Gilbert & Sullivan Society).

**Anderson Shaw** is pleased to be in another production at KFT. This is his 5th show here, and he is glad for the opportunity to work with such a talented group. As a long time character actor, he is frequently a plucky sidekick, but for this production he is excited to stretch his more villainous wings!

**Gary Spees** has been an actor, director and musician in theater/film for 39 years. He's a retired school teacher and Naval Flight Officer and enjoys traveling and photography. This is his 5th show with KFT.

**Carol Stanley** is *Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious* over this show. She loves being able to *Step in Time* in all the dances. This is her 4th *Jolly Holiday* and her 5th show at KFT. Other attempts at *Playing the Game* at KFT include *Footloose*, *Narnia*, *Honk!*, and *Annie*. She hopes you have a *Chim Chim Cheree* time!

**Kevin Tanner** is ecstatic to be performing for his 2nd time at KFT after being in *The Secret Garden*. He is convinced that there is something magical about being in the woods and telling a story through song.

**Scooter Walters** is excited to be back at Kitsap Forest Theater for his 3rd show. When not performing on stage, Scooter enjoys baseball, football, piano, and all things Pokémon. Willoughby says, "Ruff ruff!"

**Sophie Walters** is enjoying her 5th romp on the Kitsap Forest Theater stage, having made her debut as Gretl in *The Sound of Music* back in 2010. She was most recently seen as one of two Annies in last summer's production of *Annie*. KFT feels like a second home to Sophie!

**Leslie Youngblood** makes her KFT debut in this supercalifragilistic . . . show! Previous credits include *Godspell* (Twelfth Night Productions), *Bob's Holiday Office Party* (Burien Actors Theater), *Urinetown* and *Les Miserables* (Balagan Theater), *Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Musical* with SecondStory Repertory.

## MARY POPPINS PRODUCTION STAFF BIOS

**Greg Brown** has happily been doing sound for the Mountaineers Players since 1973.

**Nita Burks,** a long-time Bainbridge volunteer, has appeared in several Ovation Performing Arts Northwest productions as well as helped out behind the scenes in a variety of capacities including properties, set construction, costumes and much more. This her first time on the KFT team and what fun it has been!

**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.

**Marcus & Olivia Hickerson** are pleased to announce Olivia's illustrious promotion to the sound booth after five happy summers spent in the KFT piano shack. They bring their notorious team-effort approach to this endeavor - thanks to KFT for the opportunity to participate in this amazing show together.

**Lauryn Rilla Hochberg** is an actor and teaching artist. Acting credits include Book-It, Theater Schmeater, Strawberry Theatre Workshop, the Oregon Shakespeare Festival and the Sebastopol Shakespeare Festival.

**Barbara Klingberg**'s challenge for *Mary Poppins* has been to create recognizable looks for iconic characters without imitating the copyrighted costumes from the film or Broadway. Hopefully there will be some fun surprises! This is her 8th production with Kitsap Forest Theater.

**Danette Lam** has been in 3 shows with KFT. It has been a delight to be part of the production team this time around as stage manager and truly learning how a show comes together with an incredible group of people. She absolutely loves the opportunity to spend time with her daughter, Jessica Lam.

**Gala Lindvall** is producing her 24th show for the Mountaineers Players. Her love of this amazing theater and people keep her coming back every year. Thanks to a stellar production staff and cast!

**Amy Beth Nolte** is enjoying music directing her 6th show (*Into the Woods, Fiddler, Narnia, Honk!*) after being in 14 KFT shows including Titania (*Midsummer Nights Dream*) and Tiger Lily (*Peter Pan*). She and her husband (who met at the theater) can be found gardening and taking care of their thousands of bees.

**Craig Schieber** has directed, choreographed and acted in the NW for over 35 years. His favorite shows are ones with multi-age casts – wisdom is shared across generations and the collaborative, creative experience feeds Craig psychically for the whole year. Craig directs the School of Education at City Univ. of Seattle.

**Chris Stanley** once again picks up brushes and hammer to design another set for the KFT.

**Josh Zimmerman** has been a professional musician and teacher since 1992 and has music directed and accompanied for most of the regional theaters in the area. He also is accompanying *Shrek* this summer!