Director's Notes

"You are us and we are you. This is our story." This message of universality and common bonds weaves its way throughout *Shrek, The Musical*, just as a wide array of unique characters (human or not), find their way through the forest, fleeing/fighting the elements, a dragon, and the oppression of a villainous Lord who is just as challenged as they are. Based on a children's book and a successful animated film, *Shrek the Musical* premiered in Seattle prior to a 2008-2010 run on Broadway.

I am so grateful for the opportunity to direct in the resplendent setting of the Kitsap Forest Theater, which lends itself so beautifully to this incredible show. A phenomenal cast, a first-class music director and choreographer, and an unparalleled production team have made this experience one I shall never forget. Remember to let your freak flags fly!

~ Nikki Fey-Burgett, Director

Costumes and Props

The costumes in this show were designed by Magz Ross, a Calgary based costume designer and artist, for StoryBook Theatre in Calgary, AB. She has been involved in costuming for decades, and studied textiles and design in Aberdeen, Scotland.

The costumes/props have traveled from StoryBook Theatre to two theaters in Alberta, to a theater in Victoria, to us, and then will be traveling back to Alberta for a 6th production. Each theater has adjusted and mended the costumes as needed. The huge prop horse was built by a high school in Alberta. We have more dancers than available costumes, so our costumer, Misha Perritt, with help from Meagan Castillo, built from scratch our Duloc dancer and rat costumes (using Ms. Ross' designs). Misha also had to adjust (and/or build) several new costumes for our actors.

Many of the props were included in the package, but had to be repainted, water proofed, or fixed. Our stage dragon was designed and built for another theater by the amazing Ken Michels. Our trail dragon was a family project by our props mistress, Melynda Malley, and her family.

Such are the behind-the-scenes stories of community theater – it takes an army of enthusiastic volunteers, a stellar production staff and a little luck and magic to pull off a show of this magnitude. We are pleased with the result – and hope that you are too! And a big shout out to everyone who has made this show possible, from staff to actors to musicians to the original designers. You rock!

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 is over 30' around. 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 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!

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.

Kitsap Forest Theater

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Director	Nikki Fey-Burgett
Music Director	Dawn Brazel
Keyboardist	Josh Zimmerman
Keyboard Programmer	Greg Smith
Choreographer	Molly Hall
Costumer	Misha Perritt
Sets	Stewart Shusterman Julie Shusterman

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Mountaineers Players

The Mountaineers Players have been performing at The Mountaineers' Kitsap Forest Theater since 1923 and are delighted to present their 9th Anniversary Summer Show.

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Shrek Synopsis of Scenes

Act One

Scene 1 Swamp
Big Bright Beautiful World ..... Shrek, Mama & Papa Ogre, King Harold & Queen Lillian, Fiona, Villagers

Scene 2 Swamp
Story of My Life ..... Fairytale Creatures
The Goodbye Song ..... Fairytale Creatures

Scene 3 Forest
Don't Let Me Go ..... Donkey

Scene 4 Farquaad's Torture Chamber
Regiment #1 ..... Guards
Regiment Reprise ..... Guards

Scene 5 Hill overlooking Duloc/Gates of Duloc
What's Up Duloc? ..... Farquaad & Duloc Performers

Scene 6 Fiona's Tower
I Know It's Today ..... Young Fiona, Teen Fiona, Fiona

Scene 7 Field/Bridge
Travel Song ..... Donkey, Shrek, Ensemble

Scene 8 Dragon's Keep
Forever ..... Dragon, Donkey, Knights

Scene 9 Fiona's Tower
This is How a Dream Comes True ..... Fiona, Dragon

Scene 10 Cliff's Edge
Who I'd Be ..... Shrek, Fiona, Donkey

Act Two

Scene 1 Forest
Morning Person ..... Fiona
I Think I Got You Beat ..... Shrek, Fiona

Scene 2 Farquaad's Dressing Room
The Ballad of Farquaad ..... Farquaad, Ballad Dancers

Scene 3-4 Abandoned Barn
Make A Move ..... Donkey, 3 Blind Mice

Scene 5 Abandoned Barn
When Words Fail ..... Shrek

Scene 6 Abandoned Barn
Morning Person (Reprise) ..... Fiona
Build a Wall ..... Shrek

Scene 7 Forest
Freak Flag ..... Fairytale Creatures

Scene 8 Swamp

Scene 9 Cathedral
Big Bright Beautiful World (Reprise) ..... Shrek
Beautiful Ain't Always Pretty ..... Shrek
Finale ..... Fiona, Shrek, Donkey, Fairytale Characters, Ensemble
I'm a Believer ..... Ensemble

Cast of Characters

Shrek ..... Jason Gingold
Donkey ..... Matthew Sythandone
Princess Fiona ..... Meagan Castillo
Lord Farquaad ..... Adam Othman
Mama Ogre/Humpty Dumpty ..... Lani Smith
Papa Ogre/Pig #1/Knight ..... ✦ Jonathan Fowles
Young Fiona/Blind Mouse/Little Red Riding Hood ..... ✶ Maria Pledger
Teen Fiona/Blind Mouse/Snow White ..... ✶ Anna Vizzare
Wicked Witch/Dragon Voice ..... Dawn Brazel
Pinocchio ..... ✦✶ Taylor Davis
Sugar Plum Fairy/Gingy/Blind Mouse ..... ☆✦✶ Laura McFarlane
Fairy Godmother ..... ✦✶ Megan McKay
Queen Lillian/Mad Hatter ..... ✦✶ Carol Stanley
King Harold/Pig #2/Knight ..... Mick Etchoe
Mama Bear ..... Stefanie Somers
Papa Bear/Knight/Guard ..... Ari Somers
Big Bad Wolf/Knight ..... TJ Burzynski II
Captain ..... Micah Kolding
Pig #3 ..... ✦ Kevin Tanner
Peter Pan ..... ✦✶ Amanda Petrowski
Puss in Boots/Pied Piper ..... ✦ Juliette Jones
Goldilocks ..... ✦✶ Lydia Salo
Ugly Duckling ..... ✦✶ Nina Leon
Shoemaker's Elf ..... ☆✦✶ Mia Perritt
White Rabbit ..... ✦✶ Cordelia Janow
Young Shrek/Guard/Deer/Grumpy ..... Jordan Somers
Baby Bear ..... ✶ Sydney Somers
Fairy/Bluebird ..... ✦ Bella Perritt
Fairy ..... ✦✶ Sadie Gingold
Fairy ..... ✶ Havah Budiansky
Wood Elf ..... ✶ Hero Stoverud-Myers
Wood Elf ..... ✶ Charlie Gingold
Wood Elf ..... ✶ Max Perritt
Villager/Guard ..... Mercy Budiansky
Guard/Fiona Body Double ..... Madison Martinez

☆ Dance Captains ✦ Duloc Dancers ✶ Rat Dancers

Tree House Play Structure

Check out our fabulous Tree House next to Kitsap Cabin and let your kid's imaginations soar to new heights! Thanks to Lisa Simpson and Brian Fielder for their huge donation of time, money, design and building expertise. Come play!

Dance and Music Staff

Choreographer ..... **Molly Hall**
Music Director ..... **Dawn Brazel**
Keyboard Programmer/Audition Accompanist ..... **Greg Smith**
Keyboardist, Guitar ..... **Josh Zimmerman**
Drummer , Percussionist ..... **Maria McCanna**
Bass Guitar ..... **Jim Graham**

Production Staff

Producer ..... **Gala Lindvall**
Director ..... **Nikki Fey-Burgett**
Stage Manager ..... **Rebby Foster**
Costumer ..... **Misha Perritt**
Meagan Castillo, Amanda Petrowski, Carol Stanley, StoryBook Theatre
Set Design & Construction ..... **Stewart & Julie Shusterman**
Asst. Set Design & Construction ..... **George Pledger**
Aram Ambartsumyan, Dan Baker, Laura Fey-Burgett, Emma & Jules Shusterman
Props ..... **Melynda Malley**
Laura Fey-Burgett, Madrona Children's Theatre, StoryBook Theatre, Four Seasons Musical Theatre,
Dragon ..... **Ken Michels, Kayla Rabe (thanks to BPA)**
Sound Design ..... **Danette & Erik Lam**
Marcus Hickerson
Sound Engineer ..... **Greg Brown**
Trail Decorations ..... **Laura Fey-Burgett, Stefanie Somers**
Trail Dragon ..... **Melynda, Rick, Lynette & Clayton Malley**
Publicity Manager ..... **Jerry Dreessen**
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