

## DIRECTOR'S NOTES

*The Little Mermaid* is a classic multilayered story that has delighted audiences of all ages for many years. It's a story about breaking out of boxes and discovering strengths we never knew we possessed. It's a story about how relationships shape who we are and how they evolve as we grow. But, most of all, it's a story about pursuing your dreams.

Ariel has big dreams and longs for something greater than herself, but Triton wants her to stay safe and sound where she is. No matter how many times Triton warns Ariel about the dangers of the human race, she still has an unceasing desire to go and see and experience this new world. These characters live in the future or the past, but rarely in the present. Ursula seeks retribution for the way she was treated as a child. Triton fights to keep everyone safe because of a perception of the past. And Ariel wants more than her present state of life – which spurs her to pursue her future, and to do so without fear. Perhaps we can all take with us a bit of Ariel's passion and fire to help pursue our own dreams without fear.

Working on this show with such a creative group of individuals has been a wonderful experience. Together we explored and found our own place as a part of this world, a part of this KFT community, and a part of this "under the sea" family. We invite you to join us in this beautiful celebration of creativity, dreams, and growing up under the sea (and trees) at the Kitsap Forest Theater.

~ Andrew Coopman

**HANG ON TO YOUR HATS! LOOK WHAT'S FLYING INTO THE KITSAP FOREST THEATER IN 2017.**



## 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## IN MEMORIAM

The Mountaineers Players have lost two long-term members who devoted thousands of hours to the Kitsap Forest Theater. We dedicate this season to them!

### Gardner Hicks (July 26, 1937 - April 14, 2016)



Gardner Hicks joined The Mountaineers in 1967 and after leading many hikes, backpacking trips and snow hiking, starting volunteering with The Mountaineers Players in the late 70's. He became Theater Chair shortly thereafter, and held that position until his passing. One of his major projects was building the long building at the theater that holds the women's dressing room, sound room, tool room and wood storage. He upgraded most of the seats in the theater, rebuilt the theater trail, led the "big dig" (bringing water/electricity to the theater), etc. – coming to the theater twice a week for decades to take care of the property.

He had a Masters in Structural Engineering from MIT and used this knowledge all over the theater as he shored up trails and hills. His love of the theater was instrumental in making sure that surrounding property was kept in perpetuity as a natural preserve, in part by being a member of the Mountaineers Foundation, which owns the Rhododendron Preserve.

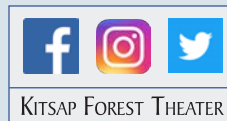
In 2012 he received The Mountaineers Service Award for Outdoor Centers – one of the club's highest honors – and one he earned many times over.

### Evelyn (Evie) MacDonald (April 17, 1922 - March 10, 2016)



Evie MacDonald joined the Mountaineer Players in 1953 and was quickly drawn into the sound shack. She served there until 1978, when her longtime assistant Greg Brown took over. Our 1978 show, *Marvelous Land of Oz*, was written by Evie.

Evie later served as Players' treasurer for 15 years, starting in 1983. Asked what she valued about the Players, she said: "The connection to something that is ongoing, the lifetime friendships that are formed." She enjoyed watching the second and third generation Players take their place in the group.



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



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Benjamin Bentler

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Olivia Hickerson

CHOREOGRAPHER

Molly Hall

COSTUMER

Misha Perritt

SET DESIGNER

George Pledger



The Mountaineers Players have been performing at The Mountaineers' Kitsap Forest Theater since 1923 and are delighted to present their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Summer Show.

*DISNEY'S THE LITTLE MERMAID* is based on Hans Christian Andersen story and the Disney film produced by Howard Ashman & John Musker and written & directed by John Musker & Ron Clements • Music by Alan Menken • Lyrics by Howard Ashman & Glenn Slater • Book by Doug Wright • Originally produced by Disney Theatrical Productions

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## SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

### ACT ONE

SCENE 1	<b>The Water's Surface</b> <i>Fathoms Below</i> ..... Pilot, Sailors, Prince Eric, Grimsby <i>The World Above</i> ..... Ariel
SCENE 2	<b>King Triton's Court</b> <i>Daughters of Triton</i> ..... Mersisters <i>If Only (Triton's Lament)</i> ..... King Triton
SCENE 3	<b>Ursula's Lair</b> <i>Daddy's Little Angel</i> ..... Ursula, Flotsam, Jetsam
SCENE 4	<b>Ariel's Grotto</b> <i>Part of Your World</i> ..... Ariel <i>The Storm</i> ..... Sailors, Female Ensemble
SCENE 5	<b>Prince Eric's Ship/Sea Below/Beach</b> <i>Part of Your World (Reprise)</i> ..... Ariel
SCENE 6	<b>Mersisters' "Girl Cave"</b> <i>She's in Love</i> ..... Mersisters, Flounder
SCENE 7	<b>The Beach</b> <i>Her Voice</i> ..... Prince Eric
SCENE 8	<b>Open Water</b> <i>Under the Sea</i> ..... Sebastian, Sea Creatures
SCENE 9	<b>Ariel's Grotto</b> <i>If Only (Ariel's Lament)</i> ..... Ariel <i>Sweet Child</i> ..... Flotsam, Jetsam
SCENE 10	<b>Ursula's Lair</b> <i>Poor Unfortunate Souls</i> ..... Ursula, Flotsam, Jetsam <i>Act One Finale</i> ..... Ursula, Ariel, Female Ensemble

### ACT TWO

SCENE 1	<b>The Beach</b> <i>Positovvity</i> ..... Scuttle, Gulls <i>Positaggity</i> ..... Scuttle, Gulls
SCENE 2	<b>King Triton's Court</b>
SCENE 3	<b>The Palace, Ariel's Chambers</b> <i>Beyond My Wildest Dreams</i> ..... Ariel, Maids, Grimsby
SCENE 4	<b>The Palace Kitchen</b> <i>Les Poissons</i> ..... Chef Louis
SCENE 5	<b>The Palace Banquet Hall</b> <i>Les Poissons (Reprise)</i> ..... Chef Louis, Chefs, Maids, Servants
SCENE 6	<b>The Palace Ballroom</b> <i>One Step Closer</i> ..... Prince Eric, Ariel
SCENE 7	<b>Ursula's Lair</b> <i>Daddy's Little Angel (Reprise)</i> ..... Ursula, Flotsam, Jetsam
SCENE 8	<b>The Bay</b> <i>Kiss the Girl</i> ..... Sebastian, Sea Creatures, Animals
SCENE 9	<b>King Triton's Court</b>
SCENE 10	<b>Ariel's Chambers/The Ship/King Triton's Court</b> <i>If Only (Quartet)</i> ..... Ariel, Prince Eric, Sebastian, Triton
SCENE 11	<b>The Palace Ballroom</b> <i>The Contest</i> ..... Grimsby, Princesses <i>Ariel Steps Forward</i> ..... Ursula
SCENE 12	<b>Ursula's Lair</b> <i>Poor Unfortunate Souls (Reprise)</i> ..... Ursula <i>Ariel's Transformation</i> ..... Ensemble
SCENE 13	<b>The Beach</b> <i>Finale Ultimo</i> ..... Ariel, Prince Eric, King Triton, Ensemble

## CAST OF CHARACTERS

ARIEL	Anna Vizzare
KING TRITON	Jason Gingold
URSULA	Natasha Chen
PRINCE ERIC	Kori Lopreore
SEBASTIAN, PILOT	Jonathan Fowles
GRIMSBY	Micah Kolding
FLOUNDER	Coleman Hunter
SCUTTLE, SEA CREATURE	Kevin Tanner
FLOTSAM, GULL, CHEF, STURGEON	Morgan Pullom
JETSAM, SAILOR, GULL, CHEF, MANTA RAY	John Han
CHEF LOUIS, SAILOR, GULL, CRAWFISH	Lance Valdez
MERSISTERS	
AQUATA, PRINCESS, ANGELFISH.....	Sarah Fairchild
ANDRINA, PRINCESS, GULL, CHEF, JELLYFISH, FLAMINGO ....	☆Laura McFarlane
ADELLA, GULL, CHEF, JELLYFISH, FLAMINGO	Mia Perritt
ALLANA, PRINCESS, SEA CREATURE	Anna-Lisa Doebley
ATINA, MAID, SEA CREATURE	Elliot Sherin
ARISTA, MAID, ANGELFISH	Kristie Carter
PRINCESS, GULL, CHEF, STURGEON, FLAMINGO	Anne Arnhold
PRINCESS, GULL, MAID, CARP	Amanda Holland
PRINCESS, MAID, SEA CREATURE	Jean E. Sleight
WINDWARD, SAILOR, GULL, CHEF, CLOWNFISH	Julian Mudge-Burns
LEEWARD, GULL, MAID, TURTLE	Maria Pledger
GULL, CHEF, SEA CREATURE	Shaina Cochrane
GULL, MAID, SEA CREATURE	Carol Stanley
SAILOR, GULL, CHEF, CHUB	Oliver Girouard
GULL, MAID, SEA CREATURE	Harper Flynt
GULL, CHEF, BLOWFISH	Charlie Gingold
GULL, CHEF, TURTLE	Sadie Gingold
GULL, CHEF, ANGELFISH	Bella Perritt
GULL, CHEF, FLUKE	Max Perritt
GULL, CHEF, TROUT	Hero Stoverud-Myers

☆ Dance Captain

## TREE HOUSE PLAY STRUCTURE

Check out our fabulous Tree House next to Kitsap Cabin and let your kids' 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

<i>Choreographer</i>	Molly Hall
<i>Assistant Choreographer</i>	Laura McFarlane
	<i>Thanks to Guy Caridi for ballroom dance assistance</i>
<i>Music Director</i>	Benjamin Bentler
<i>Band Leader/Keyboard I</i>	Olivia Hickerson
<i>Keyboard II</i>	Natalie Stephenson
<i>Percussion</i>	Téa Hickerson

## PRODUCTION STAFF

<i>Producer</i>	Gala Lindvall
<i>Director</i>	Andrew Coopman
<i>Stage Manager</i>	Emily Wallace
<i>Costumer</i>	Misha Perritt
	Meagan Castillo, Andrew Coopman, Jenny Dreessen, Molly Hall, Amanda Holland, King's Players, Barbara Klingberg, Michael Wright
<i>Set Design &amp; Construction</i>	George Pledger
	Les Bagley, Dee Smolar, Bainbridge Performing Arts
<i>Triton's Throne</i>	Travis Foreman (Foreman's Forest Works)
<i>Props</i>	Julie & Stewart Shusterman
<i>Make-up</i>	John Han
<i>Sound Design</i>	Marcus Hickerson
<i>Sound Effects</i>	Benjamin Bentler, Andrew Coopman
<i>Sound Engineer</i>	Greg Brown
<i>Trail Decorations</i>	Beaven Walters
	Kelly Flynt, Gail & Valerie Foster, Amanda Holland, Elliot Sherin, Dee Smolar, Stefanie Somers, Carol Stanley
<i>Publicity Manager</i>	Jerry Dreessen
	Misha Perritt ( <i>Publicity Pictures</i> ), Natasha Chen, Gala Lindvall, LeeAnn Nolan, <i>Players' Committee and entire Little Mermaid cast, crew &amp; families.</i>
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