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 (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.

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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Director	Andrew Coopman
Music Director	Benjamin Bentler
Band Leader/Keyboard I	Olivia Hickerson
Choreographer	Molly Hall
Costumer	Misha Perritt
Set Designer	George Pledger

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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 10th Anniversary Summer Show.

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Synopsis of Scenes

ACT ONE

Scene 1 **The Water's Surface**
Fathoms Below ..... Pilot, Sailors, Prince Eric, Grimsby
The World Above ..... Ariel

Scene 2 **King Triton's Court**
Daughters of Triton ..... Mersisters
If Only (Triton's Lament) ..... King Triton

Scene 3 **Ursula's Lair**
Daddy's Little Angel ..... Ursula, Flotsam, Jetsam

Scene 4 **Ariel's Grotto**
Part of Your World ..... Ariel
The Storm ..... Sailors, Female Ensemble

Scene 5 **Prince Eric's Ship/Sea Below/Beach**
Part of Your World (Reprise) ..... Ariel

Scene 6 **Mersisters' "Girl Cave"**
She's in Love ..... Mersisters, Flounder

Scene 7 **The Beach**
Her Voice ..... Prince Eric

Scene 8 **Open Water**
Under the Sea ..... Sebastian, Sea Creatures

Scene 9 **Ariel's Grotto**
If Only (Ariel's Lament) ..... Ariel
Sweet Child ..... Flotsam, Jetsam

Scene 10 **Ursula's Lair**
Poor Unfortunate Souls ..... Ursula, Flotsam, Jetsam
Act One Finale ..... Ursula, Ariel, Female Ensemble

ACT TWO

Scene 1 **The Beach**
Positoovity ..... Scuttle, Gulls
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Scene 2 **King Triton's Court**

Scene 3 **The Palace, Ariel's Chambers**
Beyond My Wildest Dreams ..... Ariel, Maids, Grimsby

Scene 4 **The Palace Kitchen**
Les Poissons ..... Chef Louis

Scene 5 **The Palace Banquet Hall**
Les Poissons (Reprise) ..... Chef Louis, Chefs, Maids, Servants

Scene 6 **The Palace Ballroom**
One Step Closer ..... Prince Eric, Ariel

Scene 7 **Ursula's Lair**
Daddy's Little Angel (Reprise) ..... Ursula, Flotsam, Jetsam

Scene 8 **The Bay**
Kiss the Girl ..... Sebastian, Sea Creatures, Animals

Scene 9 **King Triton's Court**

Scene 10 **Ariel's Chambers/The Ship/King Triton's Court**
If Only (Quartet) ..... Ariel, Prince Eric, Sebastian, Triton

Scene 11 **The Palace Ballroom**
The Contest ..... Grimsby, Princesses
Ariel Steps Forward ..... Ursula

Scene 12 **Ursula's Lair**
Poor Unfortunate Souls (Reprise) ..... Ursula
Ariel's Transformation ..... Ensemble

Scene 13 **The Beach**
Finale Ultimo ..... 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

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

Production Staff

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

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