

KITSAP FOREST THEATER *LITTLE MERMAID* CAST BIOS

Anne Arnhold was in *The Music Man* this spring, her first outdoor theatre experience! She's performed at Seattle Musical Theatre, Driftwood Players, and Shoreline CC, among others. She'd like to thank everyone she's ever talked to and hopes you have an excellent extended period of time.

Kristie Carter has performed at many local theaters but never before in a forest! Thanks to all the cast and crew of *The Little Mermaid* for such a great experience.

Natasha Chen is a TV news reporter and first-time villain. Many thanks to KFT for this opportunity, and to KIRO 7 for allowing her to do theater after her live shots are done! Natasha is a former director of Stanford Mixed Company a cappella. She currently taps with Anthony Peters and sings with Sue Carr.

Shaina Cochrane is pleased to return to KFT after previously appearing in *Oklahoma!*, *Footloose*, and *Mary Poppins*. She is a volunteer cheerleader with CHEER Seattle and five-year veteran performer in Snowflake Lane, performing as a Jingle Belle dancer the past three seasons.

Anna-Lisa Doebley is so excited to be in her first show at KFT! Thanks to her family back in Wisconsin and her new family away from home (her UWSOM classmates) for their love and support!

Sarah Fairchild is a local lighting designer and occasional actor. She has worked on lighting teams at 5th Ave, Balagan, SMT, Can Can, YETI, and Playing French Seattle. Love to M, D, S and J.

Harper Flynt is thrilled to make her debut at KFT this summer. She recently appeared as Ollie Herdman in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* at Driftwood and as Alice in *Alice in Wonderland* at LFP. In addition to musical theater, she enjoys Irish step dance, ceramics and all things *Hamilton*.

Jonathan Fowles is thrilled to return to KFT after appearing in *Shrek* last summer. Credits include Aslan (*Narnia*), Marley (*Christmas Carol*), Chad (*All Shook Up*) at ManeStage, Fyedka (*Fiddler*) at SMT and John the Baptist (*In His Hands*). Love to M, D, S.

Charlie Gingold, 9, played Winthrop in KFT's *The Music Man* this spring. He also performed in *Honk!, Annie* & *Shrek* at KFT. He loves dancing, acting, singing, and doing plays with his whole family.

Jason Gingold is thrilled to perform in his 5th KFT show. Past roles here: Harold Hill (*Music Man*), Shrek (*Shrek*), Cat (*Honk!*), and Rooster Hannigan (*Annie*). He feels beyond blessed to work on a show with his amazing children, Sadie and Charlie, and his remarkably talented wife, Molly (choreographer).

Sadie Gingold is happy to be a part of her 5th show at KFT. This spring, she played Gracie Shinn in *The Music Man*. She was also in *Honk!, Annie, and Shrek* at KFT. She loves swimming, being with her cats, and listening to *Hamilton*.

Oliver Girouard, 13, is enjoying his life and his time being a performing artist. This is his 3rd KFT show. He was Robertson Ay in *Mary Poppins* last spring and in *Music Man* this spring. Thanks to KFT, Grampy, Trudy, Mom, and so many friends.

Amanda Holland is eager to join KFT and bring to life one of her favorite Disney movies on stage after a brief health hiatus. She was raised on Disney and musical theater from a young age. She also works behind the scenes as a seamstress at Seattle University's Lee Center costume shop.

John Han is thrilled to be a part of his first outdoor theater experience with KFT. He was recently in the 5th Avenue Theater's RSP of *How to Succeed…* as Twimble/Wally Womper and Studio East's *Beauty and the Beast* as Cogsworth. Many thanks to those who have supported him through all of his endeavors.

Coleman Hunter is elated to be making his Kitsap Forest Theater debut. He was recently in The 5th Avenue Theatre's production of *The Sound of Music* (Kurt von Trapp). Coleman sends his love to his family and friends. Enjoy the show!

Micah Kolding is providing KFT with its lowest notes for the third time now, having previously played the Captain in *Shrek, the Musical* and the bass in *The Music Man's* barbershop quartet.

Kori Lopreore is positively enchanted to share the stage in his KFT debut with such unbelievably talented actors. He has previously played Laurie (*Little Women*), Corny Collins (*Hairspray*), and Jamie (*The Last Five Years*), but telling the story of *The Little Mermaid* is his real-life dream-come-true.

Laura McFarlane is excited to be spending a 2nd summer with KFT after appearing last year in *Shrek*. Favorite roles include: Olive (*25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*), Helene (*Sweet Charity*) and Maggie (*A Chorus Line*). A huge thank you to everyone who made this magical show possible!

Julian Mudge-Burns is thrilled to be in his 1st KFT show. He was last seen in *The Brothers K* (Book-It), *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* (Seattle Children's Theatre), & *The Lion King, Jr.* (SCT Summer). He has been acting, singing, and dancing since age six. Up next: *The Big Meal* (New Century Theatre).

Bella Perritt, 13, is excited to be in her 3rd show at KFT! Past KFT shows: *Shrek*, *Annie*. Other shows: *Thoroughly Modern Millie* (Priscilla) EH, & *Best Christmas Pageant Ever* (Claudette Herdman) Driftwood.She is an 8th Grader at Edmonds Heights and enjoys crafting and competitive Irish Dancing.

Max Perritt, 9, is super excited to be in his 2nd show at KFT! He was in last year's *Shrek*. He is a 4th grader at Edmonds Heights. KFT is such a magical place, and Max loves running around the forest with his friend Charlie and others. When not doing that he is competing at many Irish Dance competitions!

Mia Perritt, 14, is excited to be in her 3rd show at KFT! Past KFT shows: *Shrek*, *Annie*. Other shows: *Seussical* (Gertrude McFuzz) EH, *Wizard of Oz* (Scarecrow) EH & *Best Christmas Pageant Ever* (Leroy Herdman) Driftwood. She is a 9th Grader at Edmonds Heights and enjoys piano, singing & Irish Dancing.

Maria Pledger is excited to return to KFT for a 4th time after being in *Music Man* this spring. Recent roles: Pocahontas (*Game of Tierra's,* LYT*),* Young Fiona *(Shrek,* KFT), Tessie *(Annie,* KFT), Fan *(A Christmas Carol,* SMT) and Bielke (*Fiddler Jr.,* Evergreen Fam.Theater). She enjoys singing, dancing, acting, and modeling.

Morgan Pullom,16, is thrilled to be in her first KFT show! She finished her sophomore year at Edmonds Heights K-12 where she performed in *Children of Eden* & *Urinetown*. Other shows: *Little Princess* (Aljona), *Seussical* (Gertrude): Studio East; *Joseph and Amazing …* (childrens' chorus) 5th Avenue Theater.

Elliot Sherin, 15, is overjoyed to be part of such a fantastic production of Kitsap Forest Theaters' *Little Mermaid*, and thrilled that her first Kitsap show is a Disney classic. Special thanks to all of her friends and family for their support!

Jean E. Sleight is excited to join KFT under the sea. Most recently seen in Bainbridge Performing Arts' *Much Ado About Nothing*, she has also performed in Reboot Theatre Company's all-female *1776*, Seattle Pacific University's *King Lear* and *The Miracle Worker*, and with the Seattle Gilbert & Sullivan Society.

Carol Stanley can't believe she has the chance to perform in this wonderful show – when growing up *The Little Mermaid* was always a favorite. This is her 8th performance at KFT. Previous shows include: *The Music Man, Shrek, Mary Poppins, Annie, Honk!, Narnia,* and *Footloose*.

Hero Stoverud-Myers is happy to be in her 5th show at Kitsap Forest Theater. She enjoys swimming with her friends on stage and hanging out in the forest.

Kevin Tanner is positoovely excited to be telling this story with such a talented array of actors and production staff. Thanks to all of the volunteers that work behind the scenes, and his mentors in this cast, for teaching him you gotta have a little gumption and can-do attitude. This is his 4th show with KFT.

Lance Valdez recently graduated from Seattle Pacific University with a BA in Theatre Performance and is really excited to do his first show at KFT.

Anna Vizzare is thrilled to be able to portray a dream role in such a magical environment! This is her second summer in the forest as she was in *Shrek* last summer (Teen Fiona/Three Blind Mice/Ensemble). She'd like to thank her family, friends, and mentors for supporting her in doing what she loves.

THE LITTLE MERMAID PRODUCTION STAFF BIOS

Benjamin Bentler would like to thank Andrew and Molly and many of the *Little Mermaid* actors for such a warm and loving family here at the Kitsap Forest Theater. He is especially grateful to his Mom, Dad and fiancé for putting up with his many musical endeavors.

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

Andrew Coopman is making his premier at KFT. He works as a Teaching Artist and Director with various Seattle theatres. Directing credits include: *Christmas Pageant* (Driftwood), *The Odyssey* (Studio East), and *Little Women* (TAC). He thanks Michael for diving into this adventure at Kitsap with him.

Molly Hall has been a theater artist for more than two decades as an actor, children's drama teacher, dancer, writer, and choreographer. She and her family (a musical blowfish, a dancing turtle, and a Sea King) love coming to the magical woods of KFT to create theater with this incredible community.

Marcus Hickerson was born and raised on the Olympic peninsula and has lived in Kitsap county for 19 years. He has been bumming around the Kitsap Forest Theater since 2008. He is excited to be behind the sound board again. When he isn't at the theater he is hiking or sailing.

Olivia Hickerson really likes the outdoors, and music, and family, and coffee. Kitsap Forest Theater has all of the above, so why wouldn't she spend her summer here? She's very grateful to her talented fellow musicians in this experience. Past shows at KFT include *Godspell*, *Into the Woods*, and *Footloose.*

Téa Hickerson is 14 years old and a percussionist at NKHS. This is her first time playing in the pit at KFT, but has been acting and hanging around here since 2008. Past roles at KFT include Junior in *High Button Shoes* and Marta in *The Sound of Music.*

Misha Perritt, after costuming *Shrek* last summer, is designing and costuming *The Little Mermaid* from scratch. She studied Fashion Design at Mount Ida College and founded A Lovely Design, where she gives custom party decor, celebration and Interior Design inspiration! (www.alovelydesign.com).

George Pledger is happy to design and build his first set. He has recently been seen popping popcorn in the upper concession stand. He likes to spend his spare time working at PCC University Swaging, an aerospace parts manufacturer in Woodinville.

Gala Lindvall is producing her 27th 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!

Natalie Stephenson is delighted to be making music again at KFT! She was previously heard in *Oklahoma!*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, Crosspoint Academy's *Godspell*, and appeared onstage in KCMT's *The Music Man*. To her family and Debbie V. – thanks for all your support!

Julie & Stewart Shusterman met in theater 23 years ago and are enjoying their 5th year with KFT. They love celebrating their 18th anniversary while working on *Little Mermaid* together – here's to decades more together!

Emily Wallace is excited to be working with such an amazing cast and crew for her first Kitsap experience. She would like to thank her wonderful friends and family for their support.