

KITSAP FOREST THEATER *MUSIC MAN* CAST BIOS

Anne Arnhold is eager to be part of this *Music Man*, her first outdoor theatre experience! She's performed at Seattle Musical Theatre, Driftwood, and Shoreline CC, among others. See her again in *Little Mermaid*.

The Baldwin Crew: Abigail portrayed *The Cow* in *Into The Woods* (Paradise Theater). This will be the first full theatrical experience for **Sylvia, Isaiah, Samuel** and **Eloise**. They live at the Baldwin Zoo in Port Orchard where their mom, Coralie Baldwin (Emans), home schools them along with their two younger brothers Eric & Jack. They have enjoyed performing in a variety of family skits, dance and music recitals.

Alfonso & Joan Barrera are hitting the trail (and dirt stage) for their 4th stupendous KFT spring production. Previously seen in *Fiddler, Honk!,* and *Mary Poppins*, they are overjoyed to be dealing with the Trouble in River City surrounded by family & friends. Thanks to all for making it such a fun experience!

Luciana Barrera is back for her 4th show at KFT, (*Mary Poppins, Honk!*, and *Fiddler*). Other recent credits: *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (Ghostlight Prod) & *Les Miserables* (Peninsula Family Theater).

Christopher Bryson is excited to be in his first production with KFT. He wants to thank his wonderful family for their love and support.

Charlie Castillo is pleased to be back at KFT. *Oklahoma!, Narnia* and *Honk!* (KFT). When not performing, Charlie is an active member of the Archbishop Murphy High School Mock Trial and kayak teams.

James Castillo, 6th grade, is excited to be in his 4th KFT show. *Mary Poppins, Honk!* & *Narnia* (KFT), *Christmas Carol* (SecondStory Repertory), *Wizard of Oz* (Driftwood). He enjoys skiing, roller skating & video games.

Dustin Cole, 11, attends Brooklake Christian School and likes to sing. This is his first show with KFT.

Quinn DeVries is ecstatic to be performing her first show at KFT! Previous shows include *Fiddler* (Bielke, SMT), *Dracula* (Tairsha, SCT), *Oliver* (Bet, Edge), and *Yes, Virginia* (Mrs. Whiskers, Edge).

Jenny Dreessen: Mrs. Banks (*Mary Poppins)*, Queenie (*Honk!*), White Witch (*Narnia*), Golde (*Fiddler*), Witch (*Into the Woods*), Baroness (*Sound of Music*). Port Angeles grown, now thriving in Lynnwood with hubby Jerry & kids. She enjoyed joining the costume team, esp. making Mrs. Shinn marvelous in stars & stripes.

Jerry Dreessen was born in Davenport Iowa, and is happy to be out camping and playing in the woods once again with his family representing "Theater Dads".

Katie Dreessen is so happy to be in her 6th show at KFT. You can catch her this summer as the Baker's Wife in *Into the Woods* with Driftwood Troupe in Edmonds. Love to her MHS, GP, & EH family. Enjoy!

David Duke is thrilled to be in his 1st KFT show with his wife, Dee Smolar. He is a longtime Mountaineers leader and currently sings in several choral groups.

Eric Emans enjoys working with the brilliant Mountaineers prod. team. Last seen here as Dr. Craven (*Secret Garden*). Recently retired Central Kitsap Schools teacher, he loves the time with his 9 grandkids (see Baldwin Crew). "Like" and look for the Feed Store at Bethel Commons, his retirement "project".

Maya Farsje is excited to be part of her second KFT production. Maya is a 4th grader and is an avid swimmer, soccer player, singer and dancer, and loves to surf and wakeboard whenever she gets the chance!

Gail Foster has been participating in the Kitsap Forest Theater for many years now. She played Mrs. Paroo in the past production of *Music Man* (2001) and is enjoying working with the other Pick-a-Little Ladies for this show. She and her husband, Walt, like to camp out in this glorious setting.

Walt Foster is delighted to return to KFT together with his wife Gail, and proud to given the role of the hero of the show, Charlie Cowell (yes, Charlie's the real hero, not that swindling two-bit thimble-rigger!)

Charlie Gingold is nine years old and is very happy and honored to be playing the role of Winthrop. He also performed in *Honk!, Annie,* and *Shrek*. He loves working with this amazing cast and crew.

Jason Gingold is excited to be back at KFT. Music Man is his 4th show here: Shrek (*Shrek*), Cat (*Honk!*), Rooster Hannigan (*Annie*). He feels beyond blessed to share the stage with his beautiful, talented wife, Molly, and his amazing children, Sadie and Charlie, who every day help him remember that there's always a band, kid.

Sadie Gingold is thrilled to be a part of her fourth show here at KFT. She was also in *Honk!, Annie*, and *Shrek*. She loves reading, dancing, photography, being with her cats, and listening to *Hamilton*.

Oliver Girouard, 13, has been performing in musicals and plays for over half his life. He is thrilled to be in River City, following his performance in *Mary Poppins* last spring as Robertson Ay.

Emma Gunter, 3rd grader at View Ridge Elementary, is thrilled to be back on the KFT stage as part of the ensemble in *Music Man*. She only wishes her dad could have "stepped right in" again this year!

Molly Hall is an actor, choreographer, writer, and theatre educator. She loves spending time in the forest with her KFT tribe. This year she is especially proud to share the stage with her supremely talented husband (Jason Gingold), her adorable kids (Sadie & Charlie), and her musical mama (Kristine Hansen).

Kristine Hansen is a lifelong singer and dancer and former member of Savoy Swing Club Troupe. As mom and granny to the Hall/Gingold clan she is thrilled and honored to play Maud in *The Music Man*.

Eliana Harrick, 10, is thrilled to be wishing on the evening star in her 5th KFT show! Past KFT favorites: *Mary Poppins* & *Annie* (Molly). Thanks to this awesome cast & production team! Love to her family.

Tod Harrick congratulates Eliana and thanks Gala, the Dreesens, Chris Stanley, and George Pledger for countless, mostly unheralded hours in support of this theater; Gardner Hicks for almost singlehandedly building it, and you for keeping a superb theater company and a unique PNW arts experience alive.

Micah Kolding is a writer and occasional actor in the Seattle theater community. He was previously seen as the Captain in KFT's production of *Shrek, the Musical* last summer.

Jessica Lam is excited to be in *Music Man* with both her mom and dad. She's been doing shows here since 2011's *Oklahoma* and has always loved her experience here. She is moving to San Francisco for school.

Shawn Lam is happy to be back again performing at KFT with his family. There isn't a better place to be!

Brian Lindvall is happy to be doing *Music Main* again at KFT. He's been involved with KFT since 1988 and continues because of the unique beauty, quality of the shows, and being married to the producer.

Maria Pledger is excited to return to KFT for a 3rd time. Recent roles: Young Fiona (*Shrek*, KFT), Tessie (*Annie*, KFT), Fan (*A Christmas Carol* , SMT) and Bielke (*Fiddler Jr.*, Evergreen Family Theatre). Maria enjoys singing, dancing, acting, and modeling.

Wayne Purves is excited to join this talented cast/crew for his first KFT production. He was recently seen in BPA's *Mary Poppins*. He thanks his wife, Catherine, for her support while he's having fun in the forest!

Thea Reinert is happy to be returning to the Kitsap Forest Theater for 8th production with the company. When not acting, she enjoys reading, knitting and environmental activism.

Steve Rose was a past Kitsap Branch Chairman. His first show at KFT was playing the King in *Cinderella* (1983). He was last seen as Phink in *Robin hood - The Legend Continues* (2007).

Christian Saether is having a great time bickering and harmonizing with his fellow River City school board members. This is his 2nd show with KFT in 4 years after a prior lapse of four decades on stage.

Dee Smolar is thrilled to be in this show with her husband Dave. Longtime KFT audience member and Mountaineer, she has a background in dance, choreography & teaching dance.

Ari Somers is proud to be performing again with his whole family in this magical setting. He was in *Shrek* last summer here. He is a proud River City Citizien!

Jordan Somers, 11 years old, is excited to be in another show with his family (KFT - *Shrek*)! Shapoopi!

Stefanie Somers considers it a gift to share the stage again with her beautiful family (KFT - *Shrek*)! *Music Man* shares a special place in her heart since she was in it with her siblingss many years ago.

Sydney Somers, 11 years old, is loving another chance to play and perform in the woods with her family and friends (KFT - *Shrek*). She's especially thrilled to be considered a "teen" in Music Man. :)

Gary Spees has been an actor, director and musician for 40 years. He's a retired school teacher and Naval Flight Officer and enjoys traveling and photography. This summer: *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* in Puyallup.

Carol Stanley is simply agog about being in the show. This is her 7th show at KFT. Other shows: *Footloose, Narnia, Honk!, Annie, Mary Poppins,* and *Shrek*. Much love to all who support her in her love of theater.

Hero Stoverud-Myers is now doing her fourth show with Kitsap Forest Theater. She enjoys running around in the forests and playing with her great friends Sadie and Charlie Gingold.

Beaven Walters is delighted to return to KFT stage in a role high on her "bucket list." Previous KFT roles: Ida (*Honk!*), Cinderella (*Into the Woods*), Maria (*Sound of Music*). This busy mother of 4 is thrilled to again share the stage with her two oldest, Sophie and Scooter. Much love to her real life "White Knight," Mark.

Scooter Walters 9, is happy to be in his 4th KFT production. He was previously seen in *Honk!, Annie,* and *Mary Poppins*. When not singing and acting, Scooter loves playing football, basketball and baseball.

Sophie Walters 12, had her start as Gretl in *Sound of Music* here 6 years ago. Other KFT shows include: *Annie* (Annie), *Mary Poppins, Honk!!, Narnia*. She was in Seattle Children's Theater's production of *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* and recently played Belle in her school production of *Beauty and the Beast*.

Amelie Whitesell is thrilled to be in her first show at KFT! Favorite past roles include Jovie (*Elf Jr.*, EHK-12), Rapunzel (*Into the Woods*, SCT) and Dot (*Honk!*, Studio East). Thanks to Laura, and love to family!

MUSIC MAN PRODUCTION STAFF BIOS

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

Benjamin Bentler would like to thank Dawn and actors for such a warm and loving family here at KFT. He's grateful to his Mom and Dad and fiancé for putting up with his many musical endeavors.

Dawn Brazel, a music education graduate from CWU, taught junior high choral music for two years before finding her true passion in musical theater. She has directed, produced, music directed, and stage managed shows at Snoqualmie Falls Forest Theater, ArtsWest, KFT and Mystery Cafe.

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.

Meagan & Bryan Castillo are happy to take a backseat to their sons Charlie and James, supporting them off stage for the family's 6th KFT show. A software engineer and a homemaker, the couple has enjoyed the challenge of learning a new skill set! Last year Meagan was Mary Poppins (*Mary Poppins*) & Fiona (*Shrek*).

Danette Lam is very excited to be part of this amazing *Music Man* production team and this incredibly talented cast. It is such a wonderful joy to be able to do this with her daughter and husband (Jessica and Shawn Lam). *Note: This is Danette's second time being our awesome stage manager!*

Gala Lindvall is producing her 26th 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!

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 when Craig works with City Univ. of Seattle.

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

Brenna Stratton has assisted with costumes at Edmond Heights, Driftwood Players, and at college in Santa Fe where she studied Film Production and designed costumes for student films.