## DIRECTOR'S NOTES

*Mamma Mia!* is the story of Sophia Sheridan, 20 years old, who lives with her mother Donna on an idyllic Greek island. She is about to be married and wishes for only one thing: that her father walks her down the aisle and gives her away. The only problem is that she doesn't know who her father is and her mother won't discuss it with her. After she finds her mom's diary from 1979, she invites three men who could possibly be that man. Sophie is convinced that she will know her father as soon as she sees him but soon realizes that she hasn't a clue.

The play is enveloped in the wonderful, magical music of ABBA – music that speaks to every generation and touches us to the very core of our beings. But this show is more than a jukebox musical full of amazing music and short on story. I have seen many productions that miss the story behind the songs: the story of Sophie and Donna and their coming to terms with who they are and how important they are to each other. We have worked hard to bring the characters to life to fully realize the hopes and dreams of every character in the play. I believe we have achieved a superb production that captures the magic of the original music and tells the story with great depth and feeling.

The cast and crew are phenomenal and have brought so much love and richness to the production. What an absolute delight it has been to have the opportunity to work with all these people on such a unique and satisfying show.

~ Paul Fouhy

## The Mountaineers Players Committee

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| **Kitsap/Players Coordinator** | Jerry Dreessen |
| **Players' co-Chairs** | Jenny Dreessen & Kelly Flynt |
| **Vice-Chair** | Carol Stanley |
| **Treasurer** | Cindy Raven |
| **Secretary** | Laura Howell |
| **Committee** | Joan Barrera, Jerry Dreessen, Holly Girouard, Tod Harrick, Danette Lam, Andrea McDonald, Jeff Pettiross, Stefanie Somers, Beaven Walters |
| **Kitsap Cabin co-Chairs** | Gala & Brian Lindvall |
| **Gardner Hicks Theater Chairs** | George Pledger & Chris Stanley |
| **Costume Rental Manager** | Jenny Dreessen |
| **Web Master** | Brian Lindvall |
| **Kitsap Property Caretaker** | Travis Foreman |

## BIG TREE TRAIL

One of the delights of the Mountaineers' Kitsap Forest Theater is being surrounded by a 460 acre nature conservancy with over 70 acres of old-growth forest (Keta Legacy Foundation Rhododendron Preserve). 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 itself is over 30 feet 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 truly 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 like skits – which led to roving performances – which culminated in the production of *Robin of Sherwood* on June 17, 1923. The audience moved from clearing to clearing as different scenes were presented. This performance marked the birth of The Mountaineers Players who have produced an annual spring show every year – excepting four years during World War II. The increasing size of the audience spurred the movement to build a permanent theater facility.

William C. Darling and friends scouted the site of the present day Kitsap Forest Theater. The Mountaineers felled trees, carved terraced seats in the hillside and lugged cedar bark from the creek bottom. The original design 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 a few of the natural wonders of this space.

You will notice that early pictures of the theater looks much as it does today. The tradition of volunteers taking care of this property and theater continues to the present time - and we are always looking for new volunteers and donors to help support this amazing property. Contact us for more information.

Read our history on our web site ("History" tab under "About Us"). *Theatre in the Wild*, a history of the Players beginnings to 1999 is for sale at the Information Booth. These show histories are also reproduced on our web site under the "Past Show" tab. We are looking forward to our 100 year anniversary in 2023.



### Foreman's Forest Works • 360-536-8960

Travis Foreman, the Kitsap Forest Theater caretaker, has left his mark all over the property – notice the benches, fences, arbors, swings, and mushrooms. Contact him for a custom piece of yard art to grace your yard.

***Theater In the Wild,*** a pictorial history of the Mountaineers Kitsap Forest Theater and Rhododendron Preserve is for sale at the Information Booth. Read about the rich history of the preserve, theater and plays dating back to the earliest beginnings in the early 1900's through to 1999.

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Become a theater ambassador and spread the word about this special place. Tell your friends, post a review on our facebook page, share our website, put our flyers and posters around.

### Kitsap Forest Adventure Camp
play ★ explore ★ create

Did you know that we offer two one-week day camps for kids in grades K-4th grade every July *and* that we offer transportation from Seattle *and* a Friday overnight for families? It's a great way to unplug your kids. It fills up every year; sign-ups start in January. See our web site for details.






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| **Director:** | Paul Fouhy |
| **Music Director:** | Ben Bentler |
| **Choreographer:** | Molly Hall |
| **Accompanist:** | Ben Bentler |
| **Costumes:** | Barbara Klingberg |
| **Sets:** | George Pledger |

Kitsap Forest Theater
Mountaineers Players

The Mountaineers Players have been performing at The Mountaineers' Kitsap Forest Theater since 1923 and are delighted to present their 13th Anniversary Summer Show.

*Mamma Mia!*
Music & Lyrics by Benny Andersson & Björn Ulvaeus
and some songs with Stig Anderson
Book by Catherine Johnson • Originally Conceived by Judy Craymer

Mamma Mia! was orginally produced in London by Judy Craymer, Richard East & Björn Ulvaeus for Littlestar in association with Universal. Add'l material & arrangements by Martin Koch. Music published by Universal Music Publishing Group, Emi Grove Park Music Inc., Emi Waterford Music Inc.

*Mamma Mia!* is presented by the Mountaineers Players through special arrangement with and all authorized performance materials supplied by Music Theatre Int'l (MTI) MTIShows.com

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**www.ForestTheater.com**

## Synopsis Of Scenes

On a Greek Island, in and around the Summer Night Taverna,
a wedding is about to take place . . .

### Act One

**Prologue** **The Beach** (Three months before the wedding)
*I have a Dream Prologue* ..... Sophie

**Scene 1** **The Beach** (The day before the wedding)
*Honey Honey* ..... Sophie, Ali, Lisa

**Scene 2** **The Courtyard**
*Money, Money, Money* ..... Donna & Company

**Scene 3** **The Courtyard**
*Thank You For the Music* ..... Harry, Bill, Sam & Sophie
*Mamma Mia* ..... Donna, Harry, Bill, Sam & Company

**Scene 4** **Donna's Room**
*Chiquitita* ..... Rosie, Tanya & Donna
*Dancing Queen* ..... Rosie, Tanya & Donna

**Scene 5** **The Beach**
*Lay All Your Love On Me* ..... Sky, Sophie, Pepper, Eddie, Boys, Girls

**Scene 6** **The Courtyard**
*Super Trouper* ..... Donna, Tanya, Rosie & Girls
*Gimme, Gimme, Gimme* ... Lisa, Ali, Sophie, Sam, Bill, Harry, Girls

**Scene 7** **The Jetty**
*The Name of the Game* ..... Sophie & Bill

**Scene 8** **The Courtyard**
*Voulez Vous* ..... Company

### Act Two

**Scene 1** **Sophie's Room** (The day of the wedding)
*Under Attack* ..... Sophie & Nightmare Chorus

**Scene 2** **The Courtyard**
*One of Us* ..... Donna
*S.O.S.* ..... Sam & Donna

**Scene 3** **The Beach**
*Does Your Mother Know?* .... Tanya, Pepper, Harry, Rosie, Lisa, Ali, Bill
*Knowing Me, Knowing You* ..... Sam

**Scene 4** **Donna's Room**
*Our Last Summer* ..... Donna & Harry
*Slipping Through My Fingers* ..... Donna & Sophie
*The Winner Takes It All* ..... Donna

**Scene 5** **The Courtyard**
*Take a Chance on Me* ..... Rosie & Bill, Ensemble
*I Do, I Do, I Do* ..... Sam, Rosie, Tanya, Donna & Company

**Scene 6** **The Jetty**
*I Have a Dream* ..... Sophie & Company

**Encore** *Mamma Mia* ..... Company
*Dancing Queen* ..... Company
*Waterloo* ..... Company

## Cast of Characters

Donna ..... Jenny Dreessen
Tanya ..... Molly Hall
Rosie ..... Beaven Walters
Sophie ..... Emily Wallace
Lisa ..... Anna Vizzare
Ali ..... Kayla Rose
Sam ..... Jason Gingold
Bill ..... Jeff Pettiross
Harry ..... Keith A. Gehrig
Sky ..... Kevin Tanner
Pepper ..... Reed Viydo
Eddie ..... Nick Saether

**Adult Ensemble**

Cecilia ..... Sarah Conte-Bacolini
Alexi ..... David Duke
Jasper ..... Zach Edson
Benny ..... Emi Faltinson
Gabriella ..... Gail Foster
James ..... Collin Hesson
Sarah ..... Kate Kingery
Agnetha ..... Alexandra Kunin
Saltina ..... Talena Laine
Samantha ..... Jessica Lam
Deb ..... Kristina Maier
Oikos ..... ★ Richard Nava
Ophelia ..... Alyssa Pack
Nellie ..... Amanda Petrowski
Cassandra ..... Gabby Roarty
Alice ..... Dee Smolar
Lydia ..... Carol Stanley
Erin ..... Megan Twamley

**Teen/Youth Ensemble**

Mose ..... Charlie Gingold
Kimberlee ..... Sadie Gingold
Liviana ..... Olivia Ingram
Spencer ..... Liam Loughridge
Lulu ..... Clara Pettiross
Alexis ..... Sydney Somers
Summer ..... Amelie Whitesell

★ Lift Captain

### Tree House Play Structure - Come Play!

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

### 2020 Season at KFT

Watch our website for our 2020 Season Announcement.
Season Auditions will be held at the end of February for both shows.

## Dance & Music Staff

*Choreographer* ..... **Molly Hall**
*Assistant Choreographer* ..... **Kayla Rose**
*Music Director/Accompanist/Band Leader/Programming* ..... **Ben Bentler**
*2nd Keyboard* ..... **Rebecca Gelzer**
*3rd Keyboard* ..... **Elizabeth Rainey**
*Bass* ..... **Jim Graham**
*Percussion* ..... **Mark Jackson**
*Guitari* ..... **Rupert Kettle**

## Production Staff

*Director* ..... **Paul Fouhy**
*Stage Manager* ..... **Sean Morrone**
*Costume Design & Construction* ..... **Barbara Klingberg**
Kristina Maier
*Set Design & Construction* ..... **George Pledger**
Diane & Don Cole, Danette Lam
*Set Dressing* ..... **Danette Lam**
*Prop Master* ..... **Julie Shusterman**
Alfonso Barrera, Jenny Dreessen, Molly Hall, Peggy & Roy Kunkel, Kristina Maier, Emma & Stewart Shusterman, Pandora Jewelers
*Sound Design* ..... **Jules Shusterman, Kuran Pettiross**
*Sound Engineer* ..... **Greg Brown**
Thanks to Jonathan Stoverud-Myers for sound consulting
*Trail Decorations* ..... **Megan Twamley and friends**
*Publicity Manager* ..... **Jerry Dreessen**
Alfonso Barrera *(Publicity Pictures/Headshots)*, Gala Lindvall, LeeAnn Nolan, *Players' Committee and entire MM cast, crew & families.*
*Seabeck Highway Sign* ..... **Deb Harrick**
*Graphic Design, T-shirts, Buttons, Program* ..... **Gala Lindvall**

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*Producer* ..... **Gala Lindvall**
*Theater Box Office* ..... **Walt & Valerie Foster, Cindy Raven**
*House Managers* ..... **Danette Lam, Maria Juarez, Ellen Kraft, Beth Tesh**
*Head Parkers* .... **Scott Eby, David Jensen, Matt Juarez, Bill Loeffler, Ari Somers**
*Concessions – Theater* ..... **Jenny Ingram, Jaden Jones, Andrea McDonald**
*Concessions – Top of the Trail* ... **George Pledger, Judi Smith, Julie Shusterman**
*Kitsap Cabin Kitchen Manager/Cook* ..... **Jenny Dreessen**
*Volunteer Cooks* ..... Richard & Sheridan Botts, Diana Curley, Holly Girouard, Laura Howell, Melissa Jonas, Maria Juarez, Brian Lindvall, Katie McCoy, Andrea McDonald, Dana Vizzare

**Thanks to all of our volunteer ushers and parkers!**
**Would you like to see our 2020 shows for free?**
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