

KITSAP FOREST THEATER *MAMMA MIA!* CAST BIOS

Sarah Conte-Bacolini is over the moon to be in her 1st KFT show and her fist time on stage in 4 years. She loves this marvelous group of humans to perform with. Thanks for all the amazing fun this summer!

Jenny Dreessen gives thanks to the entire beautiful cast and directing team whose endless love, joy, energy, and encouragement makes her absolutely sparkle on the inside and to Barbara who makes her sparkle on the outside!

David Duke is excited to be in his 2nd show at KFT. He Previously performed in *The Music Man*, he is looking forward to sharing the *Mamma Mia!* story through songs and dancing.

Zach Edson is excited to be back at KFT dancing/singing to ABBA after a wild ride in *Newsies*. He thanks the KFT community for being so kind, generous, and welcoming and also thanks his family for support!

Emi Faltinson is excited to be back at KFT for her 3rd show! She recently graduated from SPU and enjoys embroidering, cooking, and creating slightly terrible balloon animals. Recent: *Newsies* at KFT and ACT's Young Playwright's Festival. Upcoming: *Funhouse V* and *Overcoming*.

Gail Foster has been part of The Mountaineers Players since the early '90s and is pleased to be on stage again. Favorite roles: Marilla (*Anne of Green Gables*), Glinda/Aunt Em (*Wizard of Oz*), Mrs. Paroo (*Music Man*).

Keith A. Gehrig, a singer, lighting/scenic designer, director, playwright and arts administrator, received his MFA from Seattle University in Arts Leadership in 2017. He is treasurer for WA State Community Theatre Association and is a Snohomish County Arts Commissioner. Thank you for the music!

Charlie Gingold is thrilled to be in his seventh show at KFT. He'd like to thank his friends and family.

Jason Gingold is enjoying his 7th KFT show. Past roles here: Kerchak (*Tarzan*), King Triton (*Little Mermaid*), Harold Hill (*Music Man*), Shrek (*Shrek*), Rooster (*Annie*). He's thrilled to revel in the magical musical wonderland of ABBA with his children, Sadie and Charlie, and his remarkable wife, Molly.

Sadie Gingold has done 6 KFT shows. Most recent credits: Bainbridge Performing Arts, 18th and Union Theater. Sadie grew up immersed in the theater world and has been in love with theater since birth. Acting is her true love and she wants to perform for the rest of her life.

Molly Hall has been an actor all her life. Favorite roles: Masha in *Vanya + Sonia + Masha + Spike* and Lotty in *Enchanted April*. She has her MFA in Acting from the University of Washington. Special love to Jason, Sadie, and Charlie who make her life one big, joyful dance party!

Collin Hesson is a senior at Central Washington University and is getting his degree in English/Theatre Education. This is his very first KFT production. Collin has loved *Mamma Mia!* for as long as he can remember and being in this show has been a dream come true.

Olivia Ingram, a senior from NKHS, is thrilled to be performing in her 2nd KFT show after being in *Newsies* this spring! She is involved in jazz choir and gymnastics at her high school along with running start at Olympic College. HUGE thank you to her friends and family for support <3

Kate Kingery is tickled pink to be debuting at KFT with this outstanding group! Introduced to dance and musicals as a child in Denver, Kate followed her passion for music to Carleton College, dance to Chicago and ultimate frisbee to Seattle. Thanks to my husband Dave for patience, support and love.

Alexandra Kunin was Finch in *Newsies* at KFT and she is more in love with this beautiful theater every day. She works as an exercise technician for RET Physical Therapy. Nothing makes her happier than when the music is a-playing and she's a-dancin'.

Talena Laine is super trouper thrilled that you're here to experience this joyous production! This is her 2nd show with KFT (Hannah in *Newsies)*. Love and kisses to all the spices of the world; especially Pepper.

Jessica Lam is excited to be back at KFT after a 3 year break. She's wanted to do this show ever since she was little and she danced and sang to ABBA all the time. She enjoys teaching and singing with children.

Liam Loughridge, a Junior at Bellarmine Prep, was last seen in *Newsies* at KFT (Specs) He's thrilled to work at this beautiful theater again and is thankful for his parents and amazing cast for this opportunity.

Kristina Maier is thrilled to be on stage at KFT for the first time. Previously she worked behind the scenes as the costumer for *Tarzan*, *Peter Pan*, *Tuck Everlasting*, & *Newsies*. Many thanks to cast and crew.

Richard Nava is enjoying his 2nd show at KFT. Previously Richard has performed or choreographed 28 shows for high school and community theatre, as well as working at Six Flags Fiesta Texas as an entertainer and choreographer. Richard is pursuing his BFA in Musical Theatre at AMDA Los Angeles.

Alyssa Pack graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a B.S. in Architecture last year and moved to Seattle a few months later. After school, she is thrilled to be on stage in her first production at KFT!

Amanda Petrowski is stoked to be grooving in her 3rd show at Kitsap! She is also excited to be graduating from Biola University this December where she is studying sociology and music. Enjoy the show!

Clara Pettiross, 13, is over the moon about this show! She loves the kind and loving cast that have been on this journey with her. She thanks her friends and family who have supported her. Enjoy the show!

Jeff Pettiross returns to KFT for his 4th musical with his daughter Clara, son Kuran and wife Vicki volunteering too. Much gratitude to this dedicated and fun production team and cast for making disco magic come to life in the forest!

Gabby Roarty is delighted to be making her KFT debut! She is earning her Musical Theatre BFA from Central Washington University. Recent credits: Gargoyle/Congregant (*Hunchback of Notre Dame*, CWU) and Ellie (*When Death Itches*, CWU). She hopes to create theatre that challenges and inspires others.

Kayla Rose is excited to be in her 3rd KFT show, as both performer and assistant choreographer. Recently Kayla performed in *Addams Family* at Edmonds Driftwood Players. She hopes by the end of the show you feel like a dancing queen!

Nick Saether is thrilled to be back for his 3rd show with the Kitsap family. He played Buttons in *Newsies* and is grateful for the opportunity to play Eddie. Thanks to his friends and family for all of their support!

Dee Smolar is excited to be part of this amazing disco experience in the forest! She is a longtime Mountaineer member and KFT Supertrouper fan. This is her 4th KFT show (*The Music Man*, *Tuck* & *Peter Pan*). Sending love to Dave and all of the Dancing Queens!

Sydney Somers,14, is thrilled to be in her 6th show at KFT. She enjoys dancing and Village Theater's Institute. Past shows: *Newsies* & *Tuck Everlasting* (KFT); *Honk!* (MCT). Thanks to my family for support.

Carol Stanley, Mamma Mia!, here she goes again for her 14th show at KFT. Favorite roles: Liza (*Peter Pan*), Mother (*Tarzan*), Queen Lillian/Mad Hatter (*Shrek*), and Grace (*Honk!*). Thank you for the music.

Kevin Tanner is happy to be at KFT! Recent credits: Miles Tuck (*Tuck Everlasting*), featured ensemble (*Tarzan*), Scuttle (*Little Mermaid*). Kevin is grateful to be working with this phenomenal production team and cast. Love to Megan, Ben, and everyone in the cast who helped him grow along this journey.

Megan Twamley is a recent transplant from Upstate New York, and she feels like the luckiest dancing queen to be performing in her first KFT show with her favorite people. Recent credits include Miranda (*Return to the Forbidden Planet*) and C (*Three Tall Women*). All the love to Mom, Dad and Erin.

Reed Viydo has had a lifelong dream to play a beach bum who lives in Greece despite not knowing any Greek. And that dream has finally come true! Special shout out to his Mother.

Anna Vizzare is dancing her heart out for her 6th show in the forest. You may have seen her as Peter (*Peter Pan*) or Ariel (*The Little Mermaid*). Anna dedicates all she does, artistic and not, to her Gram, who gives her the strength and guidance to do it all.

Emily Wallace is honored to make her KFT acting debut, especially as Sophie! A recent UW graduate, she will be pursuing a masters in acting at the Royal Conservatiore of Scotland. Previous credits include Janet van DeGraff (*Drowsy Chaperone*) and Shelby (*Spitfire Grill*).

Beaven Walters is having the time of her life performing in this dream show with dear friends. Previous KFT roles: Mae Tuck (*Tuck Everlasting*), Marian (*Music Man*), Ida (*Honk!*), Cinderella (*Into the Woods*), Maria (*Sound of Music*). This "Mamma" thanks her dear husband & 4 children for their incredible support.

Amelie Whitesell is overjoyed to be back under the trees in this dream show! Past shows: Silly Girl (*Beauty and the Beast*–SCHS), *Hair* (Ballyhoo), *Shrek* (Kidstage). Many thanks to the cast, crew, and family.

MAMMA MIA! PRODUCTION STAFF BIOS

Ben Bentler and his dog Toby are glad to be back with his friends working on *Mamma Mia!* Ben stays busy running The Nifty Knitter, teaching voice and piano, and dyeing yarn. He has done about 80 shows.

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

Paul Fouhy has directed many shows over the years. It has been a joy. Αποχαιρετισμός (farewell).

Rebecca Gelzer is honored to be joining the creative team. A native of the PNW and theatre scene, she is a newcomer to music directing and thanks Ben for all the wisdom and laughs throughout the rehearsals.

Jim Graham is a professional bassist and has performed for over 30 years. He especially enjoys musical theater and has played over 100 runs throughout the Pacific NW. Jim is delighted to be part of *Mamma Mia!* in his 4th season with Kitsap Forest Theater!

Molly Hall grew up dancing to ABBA and thanks her lucky stars that she got to choreograph this DREAM show! A longtime actor, choreographer, and theatre/dance teacher, Molly loves working with this cast of rockstars. Thanks to her sister Wendy for being her first dance partner and lifelong best friend.

Mark Jackson performed in KFT's *Newsies* and plays drums and guitar throughout Kitsap County. Mark is a realtor for Keller Williams, enjoys songwriting and teaching private guitar and drum lessons.

Rupert Kettle has played for many shows throughout Kitsap county. He tours/records with Frank Zappa tribute band Z.E.R.O. & gives guitar lessons in Kingston. Facebook: Rupert Kettle Music Studio.

Barbara Klingberg has a BFA in Theater from Univ of Florida and worked as a costumer in New York a very long time ago. She has been designing for KFT since 2011 and is looking forward to the 100 year anniversary of this glorious venue in 2023! She is a retired architect.

Gala Lindvall is producing her 29th show for the Mountaineers Players. She also has directed the Kitsap Forest Adventure Camp since 2012, and helps her husband, Brian, manage the property. Her love of this amazing theater and people keep her coming back every year. Thanks to a stellar production staff and cast!

Sean Morrone is thrilled to be working for the first time at KFT. He received his degree in acting from Cornish College of the Arts and has stage managed many shows before this. He would also like to thank his family and friends for their continual support in doing the art that he loves.

Kuran Pettiross is excited to be back at KFT for his first time running sound. He was Slights in *Newsies* in the spring. He loves the amazing memories these productions create.

George Pledger is pleased to build his 4th KFT set. Other sets were *The Little Mermaid, Tarzan* and *Tuck Everlasting*. He is greatful for his daughter Maria for showing him the magic of live musical theatre.

Elizabeth Rainey is enjoying her 4th show with KFT. She loves all things related to musical theater and Spanish language and culture. She has spent 14 years as a musical theater pianist.

Julie Shusterman has been involved with the Kitsap Forest Theater since 2012. She has worked in many capacities: actor, set dresser, set construction, but her favorite way is props. Enjoy the show!

Jules Shusterman, 19, spent his youth acting and is excited for his 3rd show running sound at KFT, after *Tuck Everlasting* and *Newsies*.