Director's Notes

Seussical is a crazy show
With lots of heart set aglow
It's filled with characters from the Seussian page
And they all appear on our very fine stage
The Seuss stories mixed together like stew
It is a complex story just for you

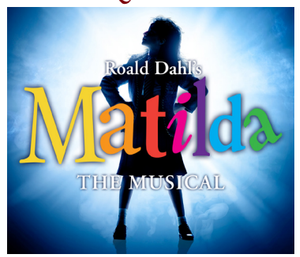
Follow the Cat as he leads the way
Horton with the Whos and an egg will stay
Gertrude has dreams to grow a tail exquisite
Mayzie just thinks of her next Palm Beach visit
Bossy Sour Kangaroo can't believe there are Whos
The Wickershams and more memorable Seuss characters amuse

Listen and ponder several time-honored messages
Use imagination to understand the passages
You'll be encouraged to celebrate your unique talents
And celebrate other's different paths for life balance.
Listen for Whos when you see a speck of dust
If you listen close you will hear them I trust

One more important thing I might add I am told
The Forest Theater is 100 years old!

~ Craig Schieber

Magical ★ Mischievous ★ Miraculous 2024 Season





The story of a special girl with an extraordinary imagination who dares to take a stand and change her own destiny. *Matilda, The Musical* is an inspiring tale of a girl who dreams of a better life and is perfect for all ages.

This 2013 Broadway version features new characters, a hilarious libretto (brand new book from librettist Douglas Carter Beane), surprising twists, and the unforgettable classic score from Rodgers & Hammerstein. Here, Cinderella is forthright and kind as she tries to change the prince into a better man.

Kitsap Forest Theater Camp

Grow ✦ Inspire ✦ Perform

Escape the Ordinary ✦ Create the Extraordinary

New for 2023 • Theater Camp • Aug. 7-11

Campers entering 5th–8th grades will rehearse a musical theatre review featuring songs from a variety of Broadway shows. You'll learn the joys of the outdoor theater experience while developing teamwork, creative problem solving and confident performance skills. This will be an intensive and inspiring week of learning music/dance. Sign-up if you are ready to grow while working hard, learning new skills, and striving to be the best you can be. The camp ends Friday with a performance for family/friends, followed by an optional family dinner and family camp-out. August 7-11. Please see KFT website for details.

Salmon Safari

Join Kitsap Forest Adventure Camp's Julie Shusterman (a Salmon Docent) for a fun and informational adventure in the forest and at Chico Creek. Every year during November, seagoing salmon migrate from their feeding grounds to the rivers and streams of their birth. Chico Creek is the largest chum salmon run in Kitsap County. A perfect adventure for the whole family. Watch website for details.



Big Tree Trail

One of the delights of the Mountaineers' Kitsap Forest Theater is being surrounded by the 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 itself is over 30' in diameter. 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!

The Mountaineers Players Committee (2022-2023)

Kitsap/Players Coordinator ..... Jerry Dreessen
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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.



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.

Kitsap Forest Adventure Camp

play ★ explore ★ create

Did you know that we offer two one-week day camps for kids entering grades K-4th grade every July at this beautiful forest property with a Friday overnight for families? It's a great way to unplug your kids. See our web site for details. Registration opens in January.

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Did you enjoy your visit to our magical theater?
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 postcards and posters around.



July 29, 30
August 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20
2023 • 2:00 pm

Director:	**Craig Schieber**
Music Director:	**Mark Press**
Asst.MD/Accompanist:	**Nancy Press**
Choreographer:	**Guy Caridi**
Costumer:	**Gail Foster**
Props:	**Angela Templin**
Set Design/Artist:	**Leanne Markle**
Set Construction:	**George Pledger & Jim Johnson**

Kitsap Forest Theater
Mountaineers Players

Seussical, The Musical
Music by Stephen Flaherty • Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens
Book by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty
Co-conceived by Lynn Ahrens, Stephen Flaherty and Eric Idle. Based on works of Dr. Seuss.

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Seussical Characters by Song

Act One

Oh, The Thinks You Can Think ..... Cat in the Hat, Boy, Horton, Gertrude, Mayzie, Sour Kangaroo, Mr. & Mrs. Mayor, Schmitz, Ensemble
Horton Hears A Who ..... Horton, Bird Girls, Citizens of the Jungle
Biggest Blame Fool ..... Sour Kangaroo, Young Kangaroo, Horton, Wickersham Brothers, Bird Girls, Cat in the Hat, Gertrude, Mayzie, Yertle, Citizens of the Jungle, Boy
Here on Who ..... Mayor, Mrs. Mayor, Whos, Grinch, Horton
Oh, The Thinks You Can Think (Reprise) ..... Cat in the Hat, Jojo
It's Possible ..... Cat in the Hat, Jojo, Fish
How To Raise a Child ..... Mr. & Mrs. Mayor
The Military ..... Schmitz, Cadets, Cat in the Hat
Alone in the Universe ..... Horton, Jojo
The One Feather Tail of Miss Gertrude McFuzz ..... Gertrude
Amayzing Mayzie ..... Mayzie, Gertrude, Bird Girls
Amayzing Gertrude ..... Gertrude, Bird Girls, Cat in the Hat
Monkey Around ..... Wickershams
Chasing the Whos ..... Sour Kangaroo, Bird Girls, Wickershams, Cat in the Hat, Horton, Whos, Citizens of the Jungle
How Lucky You Are ..... Cat in the Hat
Notice Me, Horton ..... Gertrude, Horton
How Lucky You Are (Reprise) ..... Mayzie, Cat in the Hat
Horton Sits on the Egg ..... Horton, Gertrude, Bird Girls
How Lucky You Are (Reprise) ..... Horton, Gertrude, Cat in the Hat, Jojo, Whos, Hunters

Act Two

Seussical Entr'acte ..... Cat in the Hat
Egg, Nest & Tree ..... Sour Kangaroo, Bird Girls, Wickershams, Ensemble
The Circus McGurkus ..... Cat in the Hat, Circus Members
How Lucky You Are (Reprise) ..... Horton, Cat in the Hat, Circus Members
Mayzie in Palm Beach ..... Mayzie, Cat
Amayzing Horton ..... Mayzie, Horton
Alone in the Universe (Reprise) ..... Horton
Solla Sollew ..... Horton, Circus Members, Jojo, Mr. & Mrs. Mayor
Green Eggs and Ham ..... Who Cadets, Schmitz, Jojo
The Whos' Christmas Pageant ..... Whos, Grinch
Solla Sollew (Reprise) ..... Who Cadets, Schmitz, Mr. & Mrs. Mayor
JoJo Alone in the Universe ..... Jojo
Havin' A Hunch ..... Cat in the Hat, Hunches, Jojo
All For You ..... Cat in the Hat, Gertrude, Bird Girls, Horton
The People Versus Horton the Elephant ..... Cat in the Hat, Yertle, Horton Sour Kangaroo, Bird Girls, Wickershams, Whos, Mr. & Mrs. Mayor, Young Kangaroo, Jojo, Ensemble
Yopp!/Alone in the Universe (Reprise) ..... Gertrude, Horton, All
Oh, The Thinks You Can Think! (Reprise) ..... All
Green Eggs & Ham (Reprise) ..... All

Cast of Characters

Cat in the Hat ..... Michael Yichao
Horton the Elephant ..... Jay Rauchenstein
JoJo/Boy (7/30, 8/6, 8/13, 8/20) ..... Olivia Markle
JoJo/Boy (7/29, 8/5, 8/12, 8/19) ..... Dylan Yablonski
Gertrude McFuzz/Fish ..... Katie Dreessen
Mayzie La Bird/Wickersham/Fish/Hunch/Dancer ..... Anna Vizzare
Sour Kangaroo/Fish/Hunch/Dancer ..... Mia Rose Perritt
General Schmitz/Wickersham ..... Leif Layman
Mr. Mayor ..... Guy Yarkoni
Mrs. Mayor ..... ✦ Olivia Sutherland
Yertle the Turtle/Wickersham/Vlad Vladikoff ..... Tod Harrick
Grinch/Wickersham ..... Isaac Tian
Wickersham/Fish/Hunch ..... ♦ Judy Yablonski
Bird Girl/Hunch/Fish ..... Luciana Barrera
Bird Girl/Hunch/Fish ..... Valerie Foster
Bird Girl/Hunch ..... Orit Wernor
Jungle/Who/Cadet/Fish/Hunch/Hunter ..... ♦ Carol Stanley
Jungle/Who/Cadet/Fish/Hunch ..... Jo Johnson
Jungle/Fish/Hunch/Hunter ..... Dee Smolar
Jungle/Who/Cadet/Hunch ..... ✦ Pamela Weaver
Jungle/Who/Cadet/Max the dog ..... Ashlyn Templin
Jungle/Who/Cadet ..... Emma Shusterman
Jungle/Who/Cadet ..... Jordy Berretta
Jungle ..... David Duke

♦ Dance Captains ✦ Vocal Section Leaders

THE MOUNTAINEERS CENTENNIAL • 1923 – 2023

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. The skits and performances grew into a production of *Robin of Sherwood* on June 17, 1923. The audience moved from clearing to clearing as different scenes were presented. The performance marked the birth of The Mountaineers Players who went on to produce an annual spring show on the property every year to the present day – the only exception being four years during World War II and 2020.

The Mountaineers Players are one of the oldest, continuously operating community theater groups in the country, performing in one of the oldest outdoor theaters in North America. Read about our history and our early shows on our web site ("History" tab under "About Us") - the history page will take you to our past shows.

Music & Dance Staff

Choreographer ..... **Guy Caridi**
Music Director ..... **Mark Press**
Asst MD/Accompanist ..... **Nancy Press**
Keyboard ..... **Shana Prine**
Guitar ..... **Joe Hinchy**
Woodwinds 7/29, 8/12, 8/13, 8/19, 8/20 ..... **Mark Kunz**

Production Staff

Director ..... **Craig Schieber**
Stage Managers ..... **Danette Lam, Leanne Markle**
Backstage/Onstage Running Crew ..... Elizabeth Moore, Kuran Pettiross, Charlotte Radcliffe, Stewart Shusterman
Costume Design & Construction ..... **Gail Foster**
Amy Fancher, Lori Taylor
Set Construction ..... **George Pledger, Jim Johnson**
Diane Cole, Don Cole, Danette Lam
Set Design/Set Artist/Painters ..... **Leanne Markle**
Valerie Foster, Tod Harrick, Sasha Parrott, Kuran & Clara Pettiross, Charlotte Radcliffe, Craig Schieber, Angela & Reid Templin, Michael Yichao
Prop Master ..... **Angela Templin**
Sound Design/Technical Director ..... **Kevin Matthew**
Sound Engineer ..... **Jules Shusterman**
Sound Technical Consultant ..... **Greg Brown**
Make-Up Specialist ..... **Mia Rose Perritt**
Trail Decorations ..... **Ashlyn Templin**
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