Kitsap Forest Theater The Sound of Music Cast Bios

Eileen Balet is beyond excited to be in her 3rd KFT show! Some of her favorite past roles are LeFou (*Beauty and the Beast*), Prissy Andrews (*Bend in the Road, The Anne of Green Gables Musical*), and Annie (*Annie*). Eileen thanks her cast, family, friends, and everyone who made this show possible! (she/her)

Jordy Berretta is a recent graduate of Chico State where she received her BFA in Musical Theatre. This is her first show at KFT and is excited to spend the spring/summer out in the beautiful forest.

Ella Brotherton is very excited to be a part of her first show with KFT. She loves theater and school. Her favorite role she has played is Marilla (*Anne of Green Gables*).

Ellie Mae Brotherton is making her theater debut and is elated to do so alongside her Mom and big sisters! Ellie loves to sing and play with friends.

Emily Brotherton is thrilled for her first role at KFT! She has spent the past 20+ years singing around the PNW as a soloist and choral member. She thanks her parents, husband, three girls, church family, and extended family for their love and endless support!

Evelyn Brotherton is so excited to perform in her first KFT show! She loves to act, sing, write music, & spend time with friends/family. She has been in productions of *Wizard Of Oz* and *Anne of Green Gables*.

Alison DeGregorio is excited to be making her first appearance in a KFT production. Alison enjoys singing and musical theater. She is excited to be performing with her daughters, Caroline & Lilyan.

Caroline & Lilyan Donovan are making their first appearance on the KFT stage. Lily enjoys playing guitar and performing in musical theater. Caroline plays piano and is excited to be in her first show.

Ila Faubion Dreessen is happy to return for her 8th KFT show. Favorite roles: Jo (*Little Women*), Liesl (*Sound of Music* 2010), Little Red (*Into the Woods*), Belle (*Beauty & Beast* 2008 and 2022). She loves this magical place and cherishes performing with some of her favorite people in the majesty of this theater.

Erin Fall is taking her second turn with the Mountaineers Players having previously appeared in the 2022 production of *Beauty and the Beast*. She is very excited to return to the Kitsap Forest Theater.

Gail Foster has been involved in 26 shows with KFT starting in 1990 both onstage and behind the scenes, often with her husband and daughter. She is proud to continue the tradition as Mother Abbess.

Walt Foster first appeared at KFT in 1988 and is honored to be included in the Centennial celebration. Various roles: Cogsworth (*Beauty & the Beast*), King John (*Robin Hood – Legend Continues*), Max in *Sound of Music (2010)*. Playing Father Abbot is interesting, since he is actually married to Mother Abbess.

Oliver Girouard is happy to be back at Kitsap Forest Theater for his 8th show. He would like to thank Gala, Trina, Linda, Laura, and the Harricks (especially Jasmine for giving him rides to rehearsals and being awesome). Enjoy the show!

Jasmine Harrick is ecstatic to return for show number 9 at KFT with this incredible group. SOM started an adventure as one of the first shows Jas saw in these magical woods. Past KFT favorites: *Secret Garden* (Mary), *Wizard of Oz* (Dorothy), *Little Women* (Jo). Thanks for taking the hike and the time. Jam and bread forever!

Jo Johnson is excited to be performing for the first time on KFT's outdoor stage! Jo has a background in dance and music, and has been seen on stage here in Kitsap County as part of BCT's *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* and independently produced/locally written *The Picture of Dorian Gray Musical*.

Russell Johnson: Not the one from Gilligans' Island! Since 1980, his stage work, both on stage and behind the scenes, has been in Port Orchard. There was a 30-year gap! This is his first show with KFT.

John Lange's recent theatrical home has been this place of myth & magic, KFT. Shows include *Wizard Of Oz* (Wizard), *Tuck Everlasting* (Joe), *Newsies* (Wiesel), *Little Women* (Mr. Lawrence), *Beauty & Beast* (Cogsworth). He thanks his wife, Kathy, children, Clara & Brendan, his granddaughters Ave & Maeve.

Courtney Lindahl is excited to make her debut at KFT and between rehearsals is working on costumes. She dedicates these performances to her grandparents for teaching her love of both musicals and sewing.

Brian Lindvall is happy to relinquish the role of Herr Zeller to Mark after playing it in 1999 and 2010.

Jude Manning is very excited to make his debut with the Mountaineer Players this season for *The Sound of Music*. Jude enthusiastically embodies various supporting roles this year, both onstage and backstage.

Olivia Markle is thrilled to be on her 3rd KFT show! Previous KFT roles: Minnie Mae (*Bend in the Road*) & Chip (*Beauty and the Beast*). She loves musical theatre, singing, composing music, playing the piano, spending time in nature at the KFT, and snuggling with her two cuddly Italian greyhounds.

Seth Markle is happy to be returning to KFT for his 2nd season. You might remember his past performances as parking attendant and concession staff. He is thrilled to be on stage with his wife and daughter!

Royce Napolitino is pleased & proud to join this talented ensemble. Having performed in the area for more than 20 years, he is thrilled to debut with KFT in their Centennial Season! He's excited to share this beloved, musical treasure with you in such a beautiful setting – a perfect place to Odl-lay-ee, odl-lay-ee!

Clara Pettiross (16) is thrilled to be back at Kitsap for another amazing show. She would like to thank her friends and family for supporting her throughout this whole process and hopes you enjoy the show!

Rachael Scott is thrilled to join in her first production with KFT and to perform on stage after a long hiatus. Having spent time backstage as assistant stage manager on multiple productions, it feels good to step into the light and away from the prop table.

Emma Shusterman is excited to be returning to the KFT stage after 11 years. Emma has been active with KFT in the meantime running sound, helping parents with props, or volunteering at concessions.

Stewart Shusterman dedicates his performance to the memory of his great grandmother and other family members who perished in the Holocaust.

Carol Stanley has performed in 16 going on 17 shows at KFT and is overjoyed to be part of the centennial season. Favorite roles: Liza (*Peter Pan*), Mother (*Tarzan*), Queen/Mad Hatter (*Shrek*), Grace (*Honk!*).

Olivia Sutherland is a Seattle based singer and performer excited to be in her first show with the Kitsap Forest Theater. She is a recent graduate of Western Washington University with a BFA in vocal performance and is so grateful to be given the opportunity to perform in this beautiful space.

Ashlyn Templin is so excited to return to this beautiful theater for her second show. She loves painting and all générés of music. She'd like to thank her family for all their support.

Maisy Walters is thrilled to be making her KFT debut after watching her family perform here her whole life. She recently played Small Alison in *Fun Home* with Ballyhoo Theatre. Maisy's passions include acting, drawing, writing, and aerial silk acrobatics.

Reeve Walters is excited to debut at KFT in the role previously played by her oldest sister on the same stage 13 years ago. Recently, Reeve played John in *Fun Home* with Ballyhoo Theatre. She dreams of becoming an illustrator and stand-up comedian.

Mark Walters is overjoyed to return to KFT with his daughters! His last KFT show was *Annie!* where he joined his two oldest children on stage. Time spent in this beautiful setting with family is truly one of the most important things. Thanks to the best mom and & wife ever, Beaven, for making all this possible!

The Sound of Music Production Staff Bios

Liz Binnington has been playing violin for many years and is excited for her debut production with KFT. While she has played in a pit before, she's excited to play in a forest theater for the first time.

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

Jenny Dreessen has performed in many KFT shows, most recently as Marmee (*Little Women*) and Donna (*Mamma Mia!*) She also volunteers as Kitsap Kitchen Manager, Committee Chair, & Asst. Producer. Thanks to the whole, wonderful cast and production team, especially Gala, for "teaching her the ropes".

Amy Fancher runs with scissors and uses her affinity for sharp objects to create amazing costumes. She is thrilled to be the costumer for her first production with the Kitsap Forest Theater.

Mark Jackson met his wife, Trina, at *Godspell* auditions in 1997 been doing theater since. He enjoys playing drums & being onstage. Favorite roles: Jesus (*Godspell*), Alf (*Peter & Starcatcher),* Eddie *(View from Bridge*).

Linda Kappus's professional performing career spanned rodeos to operas & her varied stage experiences inform her teaching. Linda & husband Paul often bring their grandkids to KFT! It's again been a joy to be part of this talented creative team & fine cast in this idyllic setting! Congratulations KFT on 100 years!!

Danette Lam has been part of the KFT family since 2011. She's always blown away by the hard working, incredibly talented group that brings the shows to life. It is such joy to be part of such a magical experience.

Gala Lindvall is happy to be producing for our centennial season (her 33nd show for KFT). The beauty of this place and the incredible actors and production staff keep her coming back year after year. Special shout out to Jenny for being assistant producer and keeping me on the right path!

Leanne Markle, an independent artist & illustrator, is excited to be involved in her 3rd show at KFT! She loves being a part of bringing these wonderful shows to life, painting sets, stage managing, making new friends, and spending time in the beautiful outdoors at this magical theater with her family.

Kevin Matthew would like to thank the production team of SOM for the opportunity to help such a talented cast sound wonderful in this glorious venue. Last seen onstage at BCT as George Banks.

Laura McFarlane is excited to be involved in her 8th show at KFT! She started with *Shrek* in 2015 and has been involved ever since. Laura has choreographed for various theatres including Driftwood Players, Red Curtain Foundation & local school productions. Favorite roles: Olive (*Spelling Bee*), Helene (*Sweet Charity*).

Clarice Nash

George Pledger loves the magic of Kitsap Forest Theater, has been part of various productions since 2014.

Jay Rauchenstein pushes buttons. Some of the buttons make pretty sounds when they're pushed just right. This is his second time pressing pretty sound buttons in this forest.

Stewart Shusterman is excited to return for his 11th season at this magical place.

David Whitemarsh is excited to join his first production at KFT. He has worked on stage and behind the scenes for Bremerton Community Theatre, CSTOCK, and Kitsap Childrens Musical Theatre.

Trina Williamson has been involved in local theatre for more than 40 years and is thrilled to be back at KFT to direct one of her all time favorite musicals. She is also happy to have her husband Mark in the band! Next on her plate is directing *Ring of Fire* – the music of Johnny Cash for BCT this fall.