Director's Notes

Annie was the show that I swore I would never do. This was my mom's favorite musical of all time and she couldn't convince me to go see it. Somehow a friend of mine convinced me to audition for his production and I got the part of Miss Hannigan! I got to work with many actors who would become my dearest friends (including orphans)! The memories from this show I still hold dear and it didn't take any effort to convince me to direct this show!

I have enjoyed every second of this process and am so proud of everyone involved. It takes a village to put on a large show like this and the Kitsap Forest Theater continues to bring the best volunteers, actors, musicians and families to create such a wonderful theatrical experience!

I hope you enjoy some of the amazing American history featured in this story and take away a bit of Annie's positive outlook remembering that 'the sun will come out tomorrow' and 'you're never fully dressed without a smile!'

Lastly…. I dedicate this to the loving memory of my mother, Toni. She's got the best seat in the house and I know she's smiling down on me!

~ Trina Williamson

Come back for our Summer (& Fall) shows

July 26, 27, August 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17 • 2 pm



Based on the novel by Daniel Wallace and the award-winning Tim Burton film, ***Big Fish*** is a heartfelt, powerful, and truly magical musical about fathers, sons, and the stories that we use to define our identities. *Big Fish* is a magnificent "big fish" of a tale, itself – spectacular, fantastical, and overflowing with love. From rousing dance numbers to touching moments, this show is a tribute to the power of dreaming big and celebrates the magic of theatre and the power of a great story. Perfect for all ages.

2025 Fall Classic • September 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21 • 2 pm



A Midsummer Night's Dream is a comedic play written by William Shakespeare around 1596. The play revolves around the story of four young lovers who find themselves entangled in a romantic quadrangle. As they navigate their complicated emotions, they become lost in the mystical forest, where the fairy king Oberon and queen Titania are engaged in a bitter dispute. With the mischievous Puck as their guide, the mortals become unwitting pawns in the fairies' games. **This production will be set in 1960s Appalachia with original music and dance inspired by the time period.** With its lighthearted tone, witty dialogue, and enchanting blend of magic and mayhem, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is a timeless delight that continues to captivate audiences with its exploration of love, relationships, and the power of imagination. You won't want to miss it!

Invest in the Future of the Kitsap Forest Theater

Be a part of preserving a treasured legacy for the next 100 years. Nestled in nature and rich in history, the Mountaineers Kitsap Forest Theater offers an irreplaceable experience—bringing together family, friends, and the magic of live performance in the great outdoors. As we look to the future, we invite you to help us sustain this unique cultural gem. Your financial support will:

- Protect and maintain this historic property
- Advance our mission of inspiring creativity and community
- Fund vital capital improvements to keep the theater thriving

Scan the QR code to make your tax deductble donation today. Together we can ensure the Kitsap Forest Theater continues to inspire for generations to come.

THE MOUNTAINEERS PLAYERS HISTORY • 1923–2025

The rich history of The Mountaineers Players began on a Spring day in 1909 when a 'local walk' by a group of 66 hikers to view the wild blooming rhododendrons around Wildcat Lake went astray. They wandered into Hidden Valley Ranch and met Edward Paschall and family, starting a fast friendship that began one of The Mountaineers most enduring traditions.

Skits around campfires grew into a production of *Robin of Sherwood* on June 17, 1923, performed in the woods going from glade to glade with the audience following along. Realizing the need for a permanent theater, Bill Darling and volunteers built the outdoor amphitheater in 1925-1926. This marked the birth of The Players who went on to produce an annual spring show every year except 4 years during World War II and 2020. A summer show was added in 2007 and a fall show in 2024.

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.

Kitsap Forest Theater Camp
Sing ✦ Dance ✦ Perform
Escape the Ordinary ✦ Create the Extraordinary

2025 Theater Day Camp • Aug. 4 - 8

Campers entering 5th–8th grades will rehearse a musical theatre review from a variety of Broadway shows. Learn the joys of the outdoor theater while developing teamwork, creative problem solving and confident performance skills. This will be an intensive and inspiring week of learning music/dance. The camp ends Friday with a performance for family/friends, followed by an optional family dinner. August 4-8. Please see KFT website for details.

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 an optionl Friday dinner/overnight for families? It's a great way to unplug your kids and get them outside. See our website for all the details.

Salmon Safari

Join Kitsap Forest Adventure Camp's Salmon Docent Julie Shusterman for a fun and informational adventure in the forest and at Chico Creek. During November, seagoing salmon migrate from their feeding grounds to streams of their birth. Chico Creek is the largest chum salmon run in Kitsap County. Perfect adventure for the whole family. See website for details.



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Synopsis of Scenes

New York City - early December, 1933

Act 1

Scene 1 **NYC Municipal Orphanage - Dormitory**
Maybe ..... Annie
Hard Knock Life ..... Annie & Orphans
Hard Knock Life (reprise) ..... Orphans

Scene 2 **St. Mark's Place, Street Corner**
Tomorrow ..... Annie

Scene 3 **Hooverville, Depression-style Shanty**
Hooverville ..... Street People

Scene 4 **Orphanage**
Little Girls ..... Miss Hannigan

Scene 5 **Warbuck's Mansion, Living Room**
I Think I'm Gonna Like It Here ..... Annie, Grace, Servants

Scene 6 **Streets of New York City**
N.Y.C. ..... Warbucks, Grace, Annie, Star to Be,New Yorkers

Scene 7 **Orphanage, Sewing Room**
Easy Street ..... Rooster, Miss Hannigan, Lily

Scene 8 **Warbuck's Mansion, Office**
You Won't be an Orphan for Long ..... Grace, Warbucks, Annie, Servants

Act 2

Scene 1 **NBC Radio Studio**
Maybe (reprise) ..... Annie
Fully Dressed ..... The Boylan Systers & Bert Healy

Scene 2 **Orphanage, Sewing Room**
Fully Dressed (reprise) ..... Orphans
Easy Street (reprise) ..... Rooster, Lily & Miss Hannigan

Scene 3 **White House, Cabinet Room**
Cabinet Tomorrow .... Annie, Cabinet, Roosevelt, Howe, Warbucks

Scene 4 **Warbuck's Mansion, Gallery Room**
Something was Missing ..... Warbucks

Scene 5 **Warbuck's Mansion, Gallery Room**
I Don't Need Anything But You .....Warbucks, Annie, Grace, Drake, Servants

Scene 6 **Warbuck's Mansion, Christmas Morning**
Same Effect on Everyone ..... Annie
New Deal for Christmas ..... Warbucks, Grace, Annie, Orphans, Servants, Company

Finale *Tomorrow* ..... Company

Big Tree Trail

The Kitsap Forest Theater is surrounded by the Rhododendron Preserve – a 460 acre nature conservancy with over 70 acres of old-growth forest. 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 is over 30' in diameter. The first part of the trail is steep – the hike takes you through Hidden Valley, on a bridge over Wildcat Creek with views of blooming trillium, wild rhododendrons and other native trees and plants.

If you hike the trail after the show, please be sure your car is not blocking anyone in. Wear walking shoes and enjoy your trek to another time and place!

Cast of Characters

Annie ..... Madeleine Rose
Oliver Warbucks ..... Tod Harrick
Grace Farrell ..... Beaven Walters
Miss Hannigan ..... Cat Chiappa
Rooster Hannigan ..... ♦ Kristopher Jones
Lily St. Regis ..... Shannon Johnson

Orphans

Molly ..... Mayla Elmore
Kate ..... Mila Gonzalez
Tessie ..... Ila Mae Carr
Pepper/Understudy Annie ..... Harper Rogers
Duffy ..... Willow Schmidt
July ..... Melanie Waldman
Mia ..... Ramona Sterling-Anderson
Isabella ..... Sophia Sterling
Martha/Understudy Pepper ..... Isla Chiappa
Rose ..... Reeve Walters
Eva ..... Rosie Diaz
Ruby/Cecille (French Maid) ..... Maisy Walters
Rita/Annette (French Maid) ..... Erin Fall

Boylan Sisters

Ronnie/Sophie/Maid ..... Danielle Priest
Connie/Apple Seller/Maid ..... Valerie Foster
Bonnie/Maid ..... Ariel Doyle

Cabinet/Ensemble

Franklin Roosevelt/Dog Catcher ..... John Lange
Frances Perkins/Maid ..... ★Carol Stanley
Harold Ickes/Bundles/Workman ..... Walt Foster
Cordell Hull/Lt. Ward/Manservant ..... Mark Walters
Bert Healy/Henry Morganthau ..... Michael Sterling
Howe/Jimmy Johnson/Judge Brandeis ..... Chris Saether
Star-to-Be/Maid ..... Evie Brotherton
Drake (Butler)/Fred McCracken with Wacky ..... Jeff Pettiross
Radio Sound Effects/Eddie ..... Cooper Priest
Mrs. Greer (Housekeeper) ..... Kristen Deskin
Mrs. Pugh (Cook) ..... Erin Sterling
Maid/Usherette ..... Shaina Cochrane
Sandy (Annie's Dog) ..... Leia Waldman, Lucy Van Dyke

★ Dance Captain/Asst Stage Mgr ♦ Fight Choreographer

The Mountaineers Players Committee (2024-2025)

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Fight Choreographer ..... **Kristopher Jones**

Production Staff

Director ..... **Trina Williamson**
Stage Manager/Sets ..... **Danette Lam**
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And what do you think of our latest volunteer project – the beautiful colored signs identifying the many trees and plants as you walk down the trail? This was a joint project with many people helping to make it a reality!