

Kitsap Forest Theater – Annie Cast Bios

Evie Brotherton is excited to return to KFT for her 2nd show! Favorite roles include Louisa Von Trapp (*The Sound Of Music* - KFT), Ariel (*The Little Mermaid* - Dandylyon Drama) and Sharpay (*High School Musical* - Dandylyon Drama). She thanks her parents, and her sisters for always supporting her!

la Mae Carr, 11, is thrilled to play Tessie after appearing in *Matilda* last year. *Oh My Goodness!* It's fun!

Cat Chiappa never played Annie (despite the red hair), but now she's living the dream as the chaotic ginger adult who hates her! Last seen hurling daughter Isla as Trunchbull in KFT's *Matilda,* she's back with more gin and the same unrelenting disdain for children—except "Martha." Love you, kid!

Isla Chiappa is a 5th grader at Syre Elementary and thrilled to return to KFT after flying through the air as Amanda Thripp in *Matilda* last summer. She's excited to be an orphan this time—especially one who doesn't get thrown by her mom.

Shaina Cochrane is thrilled to return to KFT after being in *Beauty & the Beast, Newsies, Mary Poppins, The Little Mermaid, Footloose*, and *Oklahoma*. She has been in Snowflake Lane as a Jingle Belle dancer.

Kristen Deskin is excited to make her Kitsap Forest Theater debut this season. She has had a tremendous time singing and dancing her way through NYC and wants to thank everyone for being so welcoming!

Rosie Diaz is excited to be back at the Kitsap Forest Theater after being in *The Crucible* last fall. She would like to thank her dad for making this possible.

Ariel Doyle is absolutely delighted to be amongst the rhododendrons again. Past roles include Judge Hathorne (*Crucible*, KFT) and Morticia (*The Addams Family Musical*, JBT). Love to Will and Critters!

Mayla Elmore is enjoying her first KFT show! After surviving the *Hard Knock Life* of silent roles as a cat, bunny, and tree she's excited to speak, sing, and dance alongside this amazing cast. Big thanks to Ila for her coaching and her parents, grandparents, friends and 2 cats for their support.

Erin Fall is taking her 4th turn with the Mountaineers Players having previously performed in *Beauty & the Beast*, *The Sound of Music*, and *Matilda*. She is very excited to return to Kitsap Forest Theater.

Valerie Foster is thrilled to be in her 22nd show with the Kitsap Forest Theater after starting when she was 6 years old. She has predictably been cast to sing in trio again, which is a pattern she is happy to continue.

Walt Foster is delighted to be back on the KFT stage in what is his 35th Players production. Or maybe his 36th. Something in the 30s. Maybe. Memory fades. Coincidentally, he's the oldest cast member.

Mila Gonzales is thrilled to be back making trouble for another Agatha in her 2nd show at KFT. She loves her Kitsap Forest Theater experience but isn't so sure about the hard knock life. Her room at home doesn't quite shine like the top of the Chrysler Building.

Tod Harrick shaved his head for this show - 'Nuff said. (he/him)

Shannon Johnson is looking forward to making their Kitsap Forest Theater debut! They have spent the last school year as part of Taproot Theater's Road Company, and was recently nominated for a Broadway World Seattle award for their performance as Veruca Salt at Edmonds Driftwood Players.

Kristopher Jones has been playing around Kitsap county for 15 years yet this is only his 2nd year with KFT. You may have seen him last year in *Cinderella* as Sebastian, or in *The Crucible* as John Proctor.

John Lange is in his 7th show at KFT. Favorite roles: Cogsworth (*Beauty & The Beast*) and Max (*Sound Of Music*). He dedicates his stage work to his granddaughters Ave and Maeve and a new grandson, Owen.

Jeff Pettiross returns to KFT where he played Pulitzer (*Newsies*), Bill (*Mamma Mia!*). He's delighted to be in the trees again with his kids Clara & Kuran, and grateful to Cynthia for her love and support. (he/him)

Cooper Priest is happy to be back with his friends at KFT! This is his 3rd show having played Bruce (*Matilda*–KFT) and Pugsley (*The Addams Family*–Jewel Box Theater). He's finishing 8th grade and enjoys playing drums, guitar, bass, and making films.

Danielle Priest hasn't been on stage since long before her son, Cooper, was born. But what is a mama to do when asked to do this together? She grew up in Kitsap and has volunteered on and off stage in many fulfilling roles. All my love to my Jimmy for supporting our habit, and mom.

Harper Rogers is excited to be in her 3rd show at KFT and is honored to be part of this incredibly talented cast. She thanks Trina, Guy, and Linda for this amazing opportunity and hopes you enjoy the show!

Madeleine Rose, 11, is a passionate actor, musician and songwriter who played Matilda (*Matilda*) at KFT & Young Fiona (*Shrek*) at San Juan Community Theater. She studies at Village Theater Institute & enjoys horseback riding, carpentry, competitive swimming, skiing with her dad, & busking with her ukulele.

Chris Saether is in his 5th show at KFT since Footloose (2012). He might have been in more except for being aced out by more talented Kitsap regulars: you know who you are. Love you all anyway!

Willow Schmidt, a 7th grader, is excited to return to this magical stage as an orphan! Other favorite roles: Lavender (*Matilda*), Sally Brown (*You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*), and Lucy (*Narnia the Musical*). Willow thanks her family and friends for their support & hopes you love the show!

Carol Stanley returns for her 21st KFT show dancing, fighting for workers' rights, shuffling scenery, and wrangling orphans with a smile. Channeling Tomorrow's optimism while bringing a historical legend to life on this legendary stage!

Erin Sterling is thrilled to be in her first Kitsap Forest Theater show with her daughter Ramona, brother Michael, and niece Sophia! Much love to husband Ben and younger daughter Tiffany for all the support!

Michael Sterling is excited to return to Kitsap Forest Theater with his daughter Sophia after their debut in *Matilda* last year. Favorite past roles include Captain Von Trapp, Gaston, and Leaf Coneybear. Much love to Zoe and Lily, who is a saint.

Sophia Sterling is thrilled to return to KFT after performing in *Matilda* last year. This year she brought her aunt Erin and cousin Ramona to join the fun. She would like to thank her mama, Lily, and sister Zoe.

Ramona Sterling-Anderson has dreamed of being an orphan since getting obsessed with the Boxcar Children book series! She loves performing with her cousin Sophia and being part of the magic of KFT.

Melanie Waldman has been enthralled watching KFT plays with her family since she was a wee lass and is overjoyed to play July in *Annie* after being in *Matilda* last year. Prior acting gigs include July in Cstock's production of *Annie*. Melanie wonders what roles there will be Tomorrow, Tomorrow…

Beaven Walters is back at KFT for another season of singing, dancing, and performing in the great outdoors—a beloved Walters family tradition. She was Miss Honey (*Matilda*), Rosie (*Mamma Mi*a), Mae Tuck (*Tuck Everlasting*), Marian (*Music Man*–she famously inhaled a bug mid-solo–ah, nature!). Love to Mark and the kids.

Maisy Walters is excited to return to KFT where she played one of two Matildas last spring and Marta (*Sound of Music)* the year before. Other favorite roles: Small Alison(*Fun Home*–Ballyhoo Theatre) and Marian Paroo (Music Man Jr.). Thanks to the amazing cast, crew & creative team for all their hard work!

Mark Walters is happy to return to KFT, revisiting roles from the 2014 Annie—a show made especially memorable by performing alongside his oldest daughter in the title role. Recent KFT roles include Sergei (*Matilda*) and Herr Zeller (*The Sound of Music*). He's grateful to his family for their loving support.

Reeve Walters is excited to return to KFT for her 3rd show! She played Alice (*Matilda*) and Gretl (*Sound of Music*). Her favorite part of doing shows at KFT—besides being onstage—is playing by the creek after rehearsals and performances. She sends big thanks to the cast and crew for all the magic and fun!

Annie Production Staff Bios

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

Guy Caridi is choreographing his 29th show (!!!) at the Kitsap Forest Theater. Guy's been choreographing, performing and teaching dance since 1991. He's the Artistic Director of Savoy Swing Club (32 years). He believes KFT's community-based al fresco theater is one of the best age-defying experiences.

Cynthia Dario-Good is delighted to be a part of KFT for a 2nd year. Last year she was the Librarian, Mrs. Phelps (*Matilda*) and also the Fairy Godmother, Marie (*Cinderella*). This year she has been the rehearsal and pit pianist for *Annie*. Love and gratitude to all that makes this amazing theater possible!

Jenny Dreessen has been increasing her knowledge base about all the work that goes on behind the scenes to make a successful production. She was last seen as Marmee in *Little Women*. Previous KFT roles: Witch in *Into The Woods*, Witch in *Narnia*, Donna in *Mamma Mia!* She hopes to return to the stage soon!

Amy Fancher is delighted to exchange her fabric stash for orphans and witches once again. A known scissor-sprinter and thread-whisperer, she conjures costumes from magic and mayhem. She is thrilled to spend another enchanted season under the trees at Kitsap Forest Theater.

Mark Jackson has performed in many theatre productions, both onstage and in the "pit". He plays drums and guitar for musicals throughout the county. An "IT guy" by day, Mark enjoys songwriting, teaching guitar, bass and drum lessons and hanging out with his wife and their dogs!

Jim Johnson has been building since he was 6; this is his 5th production with KFT. He enjoys bringing concept sketches to life as part of the magical experience that is the Kitsap Forest Theater.

Linda Kappus is glad to be a part of her 4th show at Kitsap Forest Theater. She enjoys co-creating in the Forest after years of a professional performing career in various genres. Thanks to the cast and crew and especially to her husband, Paul, who continues to support her muscial endeavors.

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 at this incredible theater (35th show for KFT). The beauty of this place and the incredible actors and production staff keep her coming back year after year. She especially enjoyed her granddaughter, Alder, participating in the orphan rehearsals before she had to leave.

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

Kelli McAuley was last seen in the forest as Rebecca/viola for *The Crucible* and on trumpet for *Newsies*. Kelli teaches orchestra/theater at Klahowya Secondary School & has a master's degree in music performance.

Chelsea Natseway is playing her first show with KFT. A music educator and recorded artist, she has played trombone for numerous musicals in the area including *The Music Man*, *Cinderella*, *Willy Wonka*, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, and *The Wizard of Oz*.

Clara Pettiross is thrilled to be back at Kitsap for another amazing show. She would like to thank the cast and crew for all of their hard work and hopes you enjoy the show.

George Pledger loves the magic of KFT, having been part of various productions since 2014.

Patty Putnam is excited to return to KFT to play in the pit band for one of my favorite shows, *Annie*, after an amazing time playing for *Cinderella* last year. It's good to do theater in Kitsap County again!

Angela and Reid Templin are excited to participate in KFT again as Prop Managers. They are excited to continue to use their creativity and mechanical skills to help the cast and crew bring this story to life and delight the audience! It's been a joy to have a "partner in crime" to work together in this magical space.

Trina Williamson is happy to be back for her 4th show at KFT! Trina works for the Dept. of Defense as a program analyst. Grateful that working at KFT allows her to spend time with her talented husband Mark (who plays multiple instruments in the band) and an amazing team, crew musicians and actors!