Kitsap Forest Theater – Frozen Cast Bios

Marin Alexis is making her KFT debut in this magical show! Other roles: Natalie (*Next to Normal*), Laura Wingfield (*Glass Menagerie*, Camelot Theatre), and her Regional debut as Woman 2 (*A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder*, Oregon Cabaret Theatre). Thanks to Mom, Ila, and friends, and let the sun shine on!

Brie Anderson-Feldman makes her KFT debut, expanding her dance training into singing and acting in the ensemble. She thanks her husband Sam and daughter Mayla for the encouragement, and the cast and crew for helping her find her way.

Jaylah Monroe Bennett is thrilled to be performing at the beautiful KFT for the first time (in forever)! Thank you to the cast and team for the warm welcome, and for sharing in the endurance test that is this show's ensemble track. Catch her next in *Oliver!* at KFT as Bet!

Holly Burns is excited to be a part of her first ever KFT show! The beauty of this space and the people she has met have made this one of her favorite experiences. She dedicates her performance to her grandfather, who has always been one of her biggest supporters.

Celina Brewder, 15, is in her 5th show with KFT. She dances at Bainbridge Dance Center and studies voice with Stephanie Reese. Also see her in KFT's productions of *Oliver!* (summer) and *Miss Holmes* (fall).

Lily Carson is excited to make her Kitsap Forest Theater debut! Recent credits include *Seussical* and *Annie* with Ballyhoo Theatre.

Taya Clift is ecstatic to be in a show once more! *Frozen* is her first theatre experience in the Seattle area, previously performing in Ferndale & Lewiston, ID. She thanks her many family/friends for their support.

Lillian Cha is delighted to make her stage debut at KFT, having played violin in the pit long ago. She thanks her family and friends, and hopes they enjoy their time among the trees.

Paige Cooper would like to thank her dogs Remy and Hank, her cats Trix and Oliver, and her support people Ethan and Madison, for encouraging this journey.

Rufus Crane is thrilled to make his KFT debut in the most fun role he's ever played. He had so much fun running around in the woods that he'll be returning this fall (without the antlers) in *Miss Holmes.*

Jack Dearth is excited to perform in his 1st show with KFT and to get back on stage after an extended break. Thanks to Mark and Craig for the opportunity and to his wife and dogs for their love and support.

AJ Dreessen is thrilled to make his comedic debut at his beloved home theater. He played banjo last year in *Midsummer* and was The Beast at both shows at KFT. AJ is happy his dance lessons improved his skill enough to make it into the chorus! Toast to all our family/friends! To Hygge in a storm that never ends!

Ila Dreessen was once "best friends" with Elsa at Disney World, and is thrilled to return to Arendelle. Previous KFT roles: Maria (*Sound of Music* 2023), Elizabeth Proctor (*Crucible*), Belle (*Beauty & Beast* 2008 & 2022), Jo March (*Little Women*), Bottom (*Midsummer 2025*), and more! Let the sun shine on!

Katie Dreessen has been performing with Kitsap Forest Theater since 2010 and is thrilled to be back under the trees with her family and friends! Since graduating from WWU with a degree in Theatre Performance, Katie has been performing and teaching all around the Puget Sound area!

David Duke is happy to return to KFT for his 6th show. He's getting his kicks, singing and dancing in it.

Mayla Elmore (9) is thrilled to return to KFT for her 2nd show after appearing as Molly in *Annie*. When not singing at the top of her lungs, she's playing with her two cats. She's excited to share her favorite musical with her favorite people - love you, Mom and Dad!

Sam Elmore spent his first KFT season as a theatre dad/ditch digger. He's thrilled to join the ensemble and deeply grateful to Brie, Mayla, & the talented cast/crew for such a joyful return to the stage after many years.

Erin Fall is appearing at KFT for the 5th time, having previously performed in *Beauty and the Beast, Sound of Music, Matilda,* and *Annie.* She is very excited to return to Kitsap Forest Theater.

Paola Gómez Valencia, after several years away from the stage, is delighted to return as part of the ensemble in her first U.S. production, and is especially excited to be performing at the enchanting KFT.

Gail Foster is glad to be back on stage with her daughter Valerie. Some favorite KFT roles include Mother Abbess (*Sound of Music*), Wardrobe (*Beauty & the Beast*), Marilla (*Anne of Green Gables*).

Valerie Foster is thrilled to be in her 24th show with the Kitsap Forest Theater after starting when she was 6 years old. She is happy to once again be singing and dancing with this great group of people.

Alexandra Hartka is having a fantastic time experiencing her first KFT show. After an eight year long break from theater, this has been a very fun way to come back to it.

Emma Layton is excited to return to Kitsap Forest Theater after a few years away following the 2024 production of *The Crucible*.

Christine Lin is honored and excited to be in her first KFT show. She's absolutely in love with this magical theatre and all the amazing people she gets to work with. She's enjoying singing, dancing, acting, and occasionally being goofy on stage.

Neena Malcom is thrilled to make her KFT debut in a show that is close to her heart. She thanks the production staff for this opportunity, her cast-mates for their friendship, and her loved ones for their support!

Royce Napolitino is excited to play the Duke of Weselton in *Frozen*. In pursuit of his passion for live performance, he has played Jean Valjean (*Les Miserables)*, Pirate King (*Pirates of Penzance*), Captain (*Sound of Music*), and Harold Hill (*Music Man*). He sends love and thanks to his enduringly supportive family!

Harper Rogers is excited to make her sixth appearance at Kitsap Forest Theater as Young Elsa in *Frozen*. She loves performing and thanks her family, friends, and the KFT community for their support.

Rachael Scott is honored to join this joyous cast as Queen Iduna, marking her fourth music-filled journey into the forest. Her previous forays at KFT include *Big Fish, Matilda,* and *The Sound of Music.*

Carol Stanley, in her 23rd production, is uniquely suited to serving famous families such as the Darlings (Liza), the Warbucks (Mrs. Pugh/Maid), and the Von Trapps (Frau Schmidt). Keeping households in order, royal, magical, or otherwise is clearly becoming her specialty.

Emma Shusterman is excited to be back on the stage for her 4th show with KFT since 2012.

Vega Tsuchida is very excited to start their third season with KFT. Come see them in *Miss Holmes* this fall! Vega thanks their parents for supporting them throughout this process. (they/them)

David Ward is excited to be playing a new kind of role on stage. He sends his thanks to all the cast and crew for making this a wonderful experience, and hopes you enjoy the show.

Jared White is an actor, baritone, and voice teacher, adding Kristoff to his collection of Disney roles alongside Beast and King Triton. His love of the stage is matched only by his love of dogs, gardening, reading, and the Oxford comma. @jaredwhite.studio

Frozen Production Staff Bios

Guy Caridi is choreographing his 31st show (!!!) at KFT! He's been choreographing, performing & teaching dance since 1991. He's the Artistic Director of Savoy Swing Club (33 years). He believes KFT's community-based al fresco theater is one of the best age-defying experiences.

Kasey Cheung is excited to be in her first production at KFT! Having played violin for Shorewood High School's production of *Frozen*, she is excited to revisit the music before heading off to college.

Kristen Deskin is excited to be back for her 2nd season at KFT. Stage managing for Craig and working with the rest of the amazing production staff is a treat, with an extremely talented cast the cherry on top. We hope you enjoy the snow!

Jenny Dreessen is 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 (*Little Women*). Previous KFT roles: Witch (*Into The Woods*), Witch (*Narnia*), Donna (*Mamma Mia!*). She hopes to return to the stage soon!

Amy Fancher has been costuming and running with scissors for 4 seasons with Kitsap Forest Theater. Still running and still loving it.

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 7th production with KFT. He enjoys bringing concept sketches to life as part of the magical experience that is the KFT!

Alec Keith is excited to return to KFT after playing for *Big Fish* in 2025. He has served as principal flute with Leavenworth Summer Theater, & actively performs in the Pacific Northwest music scene.

Mark Kunz is pleased to be in his 5th KFT show (*Beauty & Beast, Seussical, Matilda* & *Big Fish*). He's been doing musicals since his friend, Mark Press, invited him to perform 13 years ago. A multi instrumentalist, he also leads his Big Band, Moonlight Swing Orchestra.

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

Gala Lindvall is happy to be producing at this incredible theater (37th show for KFT). The beauty of this place and the incredible actors and production staff keep her coming back year after year.

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

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

Mark & Nancy Press are doing the unthinkable–2 productions of *Frozen* back to back! For their 5th show at KFT they are in Arendelle AGAIN after spending April there with Shorewood Drama! They've music directed for many theaters around the NW and their Madrona Children's Theater celebrated its 4th decade with *Willy Wonka*. They're ecstatic to share this incredible cast, crew & band with you.

Jay Rauchenstein is delighted to return as accompanist, having tickled the ivories for *Bend in the Road, Sound of Music*, & *Matilda* and brought a different "ivory" as Horton the Elephant (*Seussical*).

Craig Schieber has been fortunate to direct at KFT throughout the 21st century, growing to value fearless collaboration—his greatest teachers being the production team and actors. Thank you to all of them.

Stephanie Tebrink is proud to have been entrusted with the crafting of the rosemaling (Norwegian decorative art) on the sets/props and enjoyed meeting the amazing community at KFT. She's a member of Western Rosemalers Association, a local nonprofit group promoting the art of rosemaling.

Angela & Reid Templin are excited to participate in KFT again as Prop Managers and part of the Creative Team. They are excited to continue to use their creativity and engineering skills to help the cast and crew bring this story to life.

David Whitemarsh can usually be found in the sound booth throughout the peninsula and is excited to return for his second show with KFT. Enjoy the magic of the venue and the show!