Kitsap Forest Theater – *Oliver!* Cast Bios

Jackie (aka Jax) Alves is delighted to once again take a break from prancing around in her living room to prancing around the Kitsap Forest theater stage! This is her second KFT show, she was previously seen in *Beauty and the Beast* in 2022. You may recognize her as "Klingon Elsa" on TikTok!

Celina Brewder is 15 years old and is thrilled to share the stage with so many talented actors. This is her 6th show at KFT and in the fall she will also be in the production of *Miss Holmes*. Enjoy the show!

Ila Mae Carr, 13, loves singing, dancing, and acting, especially in the forest. Prior to *Oliver!*, she was Tessie in *Annie*, Hortensia in *Matilda*, and a fox in *Cinderella*.

Taya Clift thanks those she knows for coming.

Emerald Cohn, 10, is in her first show with KFT. She loves to play roller derby and harp. She's looking forward to some hard to reach future where she can sing, act, play harp, and rollerskate simultaneously.

Sarah Conte can't believe it's been four years since she's been on the KFT stage. She was last seen as Rachel Lynde in 2022 (*Bend in the Road*). Nancy is a bucket list role and she is thrilled to be playing her with this wonderful group of individuals in this magical space.

Erin Fall is appearing with the Mountaineers Players for the 6th time. Previously performed in *Beauty & the Beast*, *The Sound of Music*, *Matilda*, *Annie*, and *Frozen*. She is very excited to return to KFT.

Valerie Foster is excited to be in her 25th 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.

Walt Foster has appeared in 30+ KFT shows. His daughter Valerie is trying to catch-up, but Dad still reigns. This is his first time playing a doctor so he can now say, "I'm not a doctor, but I play one on stage."

Alexandra Hartka is having a lovely time continuing her summer at KFT after finishing up *Frozen*. It's a delight to sing and dance with these fine folks.

Michael Hause is thrilled to be making his musical theatre debut with KFT! Outside of the theatre you can find him performing jazz vocals and trumpet with Northwest Swing or hanging with his dogs.

Emma Layton is excited to be a part of a 3rd KFT show following 2026 *Frozen* and 2024 *Crucible*.

Elsa Lenhardt, 13, is delighted for her first show at KFT. She is elated to be working with the extraordinary team that makes this show possible.

Mabel Lenhardt, 9, is thrilled to be performing beside this amazing cast for her debut at KFT! She would like to thank her family for encouraging her and the wonderful cast and crew for the warm welcome.

Kevin Matthew would like to thank the production team for the opportunity to step out from backstage, where he's been for four seasons, and face forward on stage once again.

Laura McFarlane is excited to be involved in her 10th show at KFT! She started with *Shrek* (2015) and has been involved ever since. Laura has choreographed for various theatres in the Seattle area. Favorite onstage roles include: Olive (*Spelling Bee*), Helene (*Sweet Charity*), and Shelby (*Steel Magnolias*).

Jaylah Monroe is excited to return to KFT for the 2nd time this season! They "Bet" you'll enjoy the show. She's grateful for this space, this role, and the opportunity to serve this wonderful cast as a dance captain.

Noa Rehder is a senior in high school dedicated to the world of theatre. When not onstage she can be found playing the harp, Scandinavian folk dancing, and reading Agatha Christie.

Harper Rogers, 14, is a rising 9th grader from Bainbridge who loves theater and performing in this special place! She was young Elsa in *Frozen*, and is happy to continue the Kitsap Forest Theater magic in Oliver!

Scarlett Rooks is excited to be in her first show at KFT. She thanks her family and friends for their support.

Erin Saunders is delighted to be in her first show at KFT and on stage again for the first time in 13 years—this time sharing the stage with her two daughters! Love you, David!

Lucy Saunders is excited to be in her first show with KFT! She is 7 years old and when she's not performing she loves playing games. Enjoy the show! Love you mommy!

Nora Saunders is excited to appear in her first musical with KFT! She is 9 years old and loves cats and playing softball. She is excited to perform for you all!

Chris Saether is happy to be back acting with this great cast and crew, old friends and new. In awe of the effort everyone puts in. Thanks to fam for their support.

Dante Sayre is 7 and is excited to perform in his first show with KFT! He loves Legos, reading, soccer, basketball, golf, and trying to break into his older sister Mira's room.

Mira Sayre, 11, is thrilled to be in her first show with KFT! In her spare time, she enjoys playing oboe, soccer, reading and crocheting. She thanks her friends and family for their support!

Bryon Scharenberg makes his stage debut as Bill Sikes, inspired by watching his son Ty catch the theatre bug. After years of wishing, he finally took the leap. Thanks to his family and the KFT team for the push!

Elly Scharenberg, 14, is thrilled to be in her first-ever show, excited to finally share her singing with an audience. Offstage you'll find her with friends: swimming, doing art, and hanging with her dog Maple.

Ty Scharenberg, 11, is thrilled to make his KFT debut after performing in *Finding Nemo* & *James and the Giant Peach*. He loves frisbee, basketball, and singing. Sharing the stage with his family is the best part!

Erin Sterling was in *Oliver* with her dad Bill and brother Michael 30 years ago and is thrilled to add her mom Cora, sister Allie, nieces Sophia and Zoe, and kids Mona and Tiffany this time around!

Michael Sterling last performed in *Oliver* as a pickpocket 30 years ago. Joining him this time are his daughters Sophia and Zoe, along with most of his family. Huge thanks to Lily and Eleanor.

Sophia Sterling is so excited for her third KFT show! Performing with her baba, sister, grandparents, aunts, and cousins is incredibly fun. She sends big hugs to her mama and baby sister Eleanor.

Allie Sterling is delighted to be part of her first KFT show, after some light peer pressure from her siblings! She may never get "Oom Pah Pah" out of her head.

Bill & Cora Lee Sterling are excited to be in their first KFT production after long breaks from performing. And they are thrilled to be performing with their three children and four granddaughters.

Zoe Sterling is delighted to join the fun on the KFT stage! She's having a blast performing alongside her baba, sister, grandparents, aunts, and cousins. Much love to her mama and little sister Eleanor.

Mona Sterling-Anderson is going into 5th grade, loves performing, and is excited for her 2nd show at KFT!

Tiffany Sterling-Anderson is going into 3rd grade and is happy to join her family for her first KFT show!

Melanie Waldman is thrilled to participate in her 4th KFT show. Her previous roles include July in KFT's production of *Annie* and July in Cstock's *Annie*. Imagine Melanie's surprise when she was not offered the orphan role of July in KFT's Oliver! Consider yourself not typecast…well, sort of.

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David Baine has performed in countless productions across the globe. He is thrilled to make his debut at the Kitsap Forest Theater after returning to the Pacific Northwest!

Ta'Mara Bale is delighted to be back at the Forest. This is her 2nd show with KFT. She has been on stage and behind the scenes for many shows in Kitsap County. Enjoy.

Michael Bravin is performing with KFT for the first time. He has performed professionally for almost 40 years. He lives in Bremerton with his wife and dogs where he operates an instrument repair shop.

Guy Caridi is choreographing his 32nd 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.

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!

Mark Jackson has performed onstage in many theatre productions at several Kitsap theatres. He plays drums and guitar frequently in local musicals throughout the area. Mark enjoys songwriting, teaching guitar, bass and drum lessons and spending time with his lovely bride and their 4-legged kids!

Dawn Janow is a veteran costumer and KFT alumna, but this is her first time costuming for KFT and she couldn't be more pleased! So fun to work in the forest again with outstanding friends.

Jim Johnson has been building since he was 6; this is his 8th 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 grateful to be collaborating on her 5th show in the forest. There is something special about this historic venue and the dedicated team, musicians, cast and crew that come together to create shows here. She especially thanks her husband, Paul, for his continued support.

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.

Michelle Skellie is excited to play violin in the band for her second production with the Kitsap Forest Theater. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Gala Lindvall is happy to be producing at this incredible theater (38th show for KFT). The beauty of this place and the incredible actors and production staff keep her coming back year after year.

Kevin Matthew has enjoyed offering his technical expertise to update the sound infrastructure at KFT.

Clarice Nash has been playing woodwinds for musical theater for 20+ years. A retired family nurse practitioner, she fills her time with music and grandbabies. She is President of Hometown Band.

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

Shana Prine is excited to be working with KFT again. She is an English teacher by day and pianist by night. Many thanks to her incredible partner, Jason, for all his support!

Patty Putnam is delighted to return to KFT for her 4th show in the 'pit'! She's been performing around the Sound for years as a musician specializing in woodwinds, a lighting designer and a music director.

Angela and Reid Templin are excited to participate in KFT again as Prop Managers. They enjoy using 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.

Michael VanderDoes is a musician, producer, and founder of MCV Signature Studios, a local recording studio focused on helping artists create and grow. He enjoys bringing his passion for sound/music to KFT.

Trina Williamson is happy to direct her 5th production at KFT! Trina works for the Dept. of Defense. Grateful that working at KFT allows her to spend time with her very talented husband Mark (who plays drums in the *Oliver!* band) and an amazing production team, crew musicians and actors!