

KITSAP FOREST THEATER

THEATER INSPIRED BY A MAGICAL PLACE

The Mountaineers Players present *Newsies* at the magical **Kitsap Forest Theater** in Bremerton **May 26-27, June 1-2, 8-9, 15-16; 2019 – 2:00 pm**

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BREMERTON, WA – The tradition of outdoor theater is alive and well at the Kitsap Forest Theater, and continues this spring with the Broadway show, *Newsies*. Each weekend from Memorial Day through Father's Day the Mountaineers Players will present this exciting new musical. Both residents of the Kitsap Peninsula and visitors from Seattle and beyond will delight in this family-friendly production at the beautiful Kitsap Forest Theater, located just west of Bremerton.

A quarter-mile trail transports visitors to another time and place where stories for all ages have come to life since 1923. The presentation of our spring show coincides with the blooming of the wild rhododendrons that grow along the hillsides and down the trail to the theater. Generations of theatergoers have enjoyed the scenic drive or ferry ride to the theater, and often come early to picnic under the firs before the trail to the theater opens at 1:00 pm. Enjoy our treehouse play structure or hike to Big Tree before or after the show.

With *Newsies* in the spring and *Mamma Mia!* in the summer, the Kitsap Forest Theater's 2019 season brings two popular and exciting dance-filled shows to life on our unique stage. These uplifting and joyous musicals will appeal to young and old alike – treat yourself to a "day away" in the forest and enjoy theater inspired by a magical place. Save when you buy season tickets (online or at The Mountaineers).

Newsies: Stop the presses! This Disney film turned Tony-winning Broadway hit inspires everyone to fight for what's right and seize the day. Set in turn-of-the century New York City, *Newsies* is the rousing tale of Jack Kelly, a charismatic newsboy and leader of a band of "newsies." When titans of publishing raise distribution prices at the newsboys' expense, Jack rallies newsies from across the city to strike against the unfair conditions and fight for what's right!

Based on the 1992 motion picture and inspired by a true story, *Newsies* features a Tony Award-winning score by Alan Menken and Jack Feldman and a book by Tony Award winner Harvey Fierstein. Featuring the now classic songs "Carrying the Banner," "Seize the Day," and "Santa Fe," *Newsies* is packed with non-stop thrills and a timeless message, perfect for the whole family and every audience.

"NOW is the time to seize the day!"

About Kitsap Forest Theater: A treasured family tradition in the greater Seattle arts community since 1923, The Mountaineers Players continues to bring Puget Sound audiences quality outdoor theater under the conifer canopy of its Kitsap Forest Theater every spring and summer. One of the oldest nonprofit theater groups in the country, the Players troupe performs in the midst of the 460-acre Rhododendron Preserve near Bremerton. Giant fir trees surround terraced seating – carved from the side of a natural amphitheater – while verdant ferns serve as the "footlights" for the performance stage.

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Publicity photos, ticket information and directions available on our website. Two complimentary tickets available to members of the news media.