The Mountaineer Players



May 30, 31 June 5, 6, 12, 13, 19,20, 2004

CRAIG SCHIEBER, Director

GUY CARIDI, Choreographer

ELLEN MCLAIN LOWRIE, Music Director

MARY DUCKERING, Costume Designer

STEVE ROSE, Sets

Oliver! Book, Music and Lyrics by Lionel Bart, based on *Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens
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Synopsis of Scenes Time: the mid-1830s

ACT ONE

The Workhouse Dining Hall - early evening

	Food, Glorious Food Oliver & Workhouse Children Oliver Mr. Bumble, Widow Corney, Workhouse Children
Scene 2:	The Workhouse Parlour – later
	I Shall ScreamMr. Bumble & Widow Corney
	Boy for Sale
SCENE 3:	The Undertaker's Parlour

That's Your Funeral...... Mr. & Mrs. Sowerberry, Mr. Bumble The Undertaker's Parlour - next morning

SCENE 4: Paddington Green - morning, a week later SCENE 5: Where is Love? Oliver Consider Yourself...... Dodger, Oliver & Company The Thieves' Kitchen - later

SCENE 6: You've Got to Pick a Pocket or Two Fagin & Gang

SCENE I:

It's a Fine Life......Nancy, Bet & Gang I'd Do Anything ... Dodger, Nancy, Oliver, Bet, Fagin & Gang Be Back SoonFagin, Dodger & Gang

ACT Two

"Three Cripples" (public house in Clerkenwell) - that evening SCENE I: Oom-Pah-PahNancy and Company My Name Bill Sykes As Long as He Needs MeNancy Brownlow's - two weeks later SCENE 2:

Reprise: Where is Love?......Mrs. Bedwin Who Will Buy?.....Oliver, Street Criers & Company The Thieves' Kitchen - later SCENE 3: Reprise: It's a Fine Life...... Nancy, Bill Sykes, Fagin & Dodge

SCENE 4:

SCENE 5: SCENE 6:

FINALE

Brownlow's - a few days later London - night

London

Reviewing the Situation......Fagin The Workhouse - a few days later Reprise: Oliver.......Mr. Bumble & Widow Corney

Reprise: As Long as He Needs MeNancy

Reprise: Reviewing the Situation......Fagin

Cast of Characters

Oliver Twist
Mr. Bumble
Widow Corney
Noah Claypole/Thief (Twitchy)/Pub Patron
Mr. Sowerberry/Knife Grinder/Ensemble
Mrs. Sowerberry/Rose Seller/Ensemble
Charlotte/Thief (Chub)/Pub PatronAriana Taylor-Stanley
The Artful Dodger
Charley Bates
Fagin Alan Wilkie
Nancy Lee Ann Hittenberger
Bet
Bill Sykes
Mrs. Bedwin/EnsembleEirien Hart
Mr. Brownlow/Ensemble
Dr. Grimwig/Ensemble
Old Sally/Ensemble
Old Annie/EnsembleLauren Harris
Milkmaid/Orphan/Thief (Pip)/Pub Jenny Estill* (Sarah Estill: 6/19, 6/20)
Strawberry Seller/Ensemble
Cook/Pub Patron/Ensemble
Pauper's Asst./Thief (Shorty)/Pub ChairmanRiley Woodward-Pratt
Pauper's Asst./Thief (Bean)/Pub Patron
Orphan/Thief (Mutt)/Pub Patron
Orphan/Thief (Hoodrat)/Pub Patron Anna Sabo
Orphan/Thief (Pout)/Pub Patron
Orphan/Thief (Spider)/Pub Patron
Orphan/Thief (Fizz)
Orphan/Thief (Lucky)
Orphan/Thief (Gin) Sullivan Brown
Orphan/Thief (Shaggy) Jordan Fleming
Orphan/Thief (Sleepy)
Orphan/Thief (Smiley)
Orphan/Thief (<i>Tweak</i>)/Book Delivery Boy
Orphan/Thief (Handy Andy)
Orphan/Thief (Princess)
Orphan/Thief (Snitch) Evangeline Esposito
Orphan/Thief (Flick) Stella Esposito
Orphan/Townskid
Orphan/TownskidTaylor Turner-Lipson
Orphan/Townskid
Orphan/Townskid
Orphan/Townskid Eric Esposito
Orphan/TownskidJonathan Turner-Lipson
Orphan Laura Eby
Ernest "Ernie" Morton/Bow Street Runner
Burtram "Burt" Stretton/Bow Street Runner Craig McCoy
Ensemble
EnsembleAdrienne Easton
Ensemble
Ensemble
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Music Staff Music Director Ellen McLain Lowrie

Percussionist/Page Turner Ben Valenta Audition/Rehearsal AccompanistsAndy Chislet, Debbie Valenta Thanks to Stephen Wall for his help with music transpositions. Thanks to King's West for use of percussion instruments. Thanks to Gwen Guidici for the use of her synthesizer. **Production Staff** Co-Producers......Nancy Estill, Gala Lindvall Stage Manager Brenda Mehl Dialect CoachTeresa Thuman Fight Choreography...... Lee Ann Hittenberger, Ken Michels Three Shtick Meisters...... Guy Caridi, Ken Michels, Craig Schieber Barb Baker, Lorinda Esposito, Gail Foster, Christy Gordon, Ellen Heath, Lee Ann Hittenberger, Gerry Jones, Mary Lou Lutz, Jennifer Mehl, Carol Olsen, Bernadette Poole, Lois Rolfe, Sharon Sabo, Deborah Taylor Barb Baker, Daniel Baker, Stuart Baker, Sullivan Brown, Charlie Costello, Scott Eby, Jamie Estill, Jenny Estill, Nancy Estill, Joseph Farnik, Jordan Fleming, Gail & Valerie Foster, Phil Giesy, David & Ian Gilmore, Eirien Hart, Don & Molly Heath, Mike & Heidi Hill (Molly, James & Emma), Lee Ann Hittenberger, Amy Beth & Gala Lindvall, Patreese Martin, Brenda & Jennifer Mehl, Evan & Tom Randall, Ryan Rey, Anna Sabo, Craig Schieber, Chris Stanley, Ariana Taylor-Stanley, Jim Turner, Ben Valenta, Riley Woodward-Pratt Set Dressing Barb & Scott Baker Scott Baker, Nicole Cooper, Ian Gilmore, Joseph Farnik, Gala Lindvall, Craig McCoy, Ken Michels, Tom Randall, Chris Stanley & Cindy Taylor Special thanks to Ben Shinmori, student, Art Institute of Seattle Make-Up/Hair.....Brenda Mehl, Jenny Estill, Amy Beth Lindvall Sound, ArtisticJesse Cox, David Gilmore Trail Decorations..... Nancy Estill, Christy Gordon, Eirien Hart, Gala Lindvall Barb Baker, Kim Coran, Jamie Estill, Christy Gordon, Eirien Hart, Players' Committee and entire Oliver! Cast, Crew & families Special thanks to Brad Stracener at The Mountaineers

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Director's Notes

"It is the custom on the stage in all murderous melodramas to present the tragic and the comic scenes in regular alternation as the layers of red and white in a side of streaky bacon. The hero sinks upon his straw bed, weighed down by misfortunes and in the next scene his faithful companion regales the audience with a comic song. Such changes appear absurd but are not so unnatural as they may seem at first sight."* The contrast of real life events such as weddings and funerals, or victory in a soccer game to failure on a math test are no less startling, only in these we are active participants instead of passive viewers. In this production of *Oliver!* we invite you to laugh and cry simultaneously. For comedy often helps us to laugh at adversity and carry on. — Craig Schieber

*Oliver Twist, by Charles Dickens, page 119

Family Discussion

A play such as this can inspire thoughts about life. Here are some questions to raise with your family and friends after the play:

- Was Fagin a good character for taking in orphans or was he bad for being a thief?
- Should Nancy have stayed loyal to Sykes?
- What other endings might have been possible for this show?

Production Staff Profiles

Greg Brown has happily been doing sound for the Mountaineer Players since 1973. His other credits include Civic Light Opera, Pecadillo Players, and Upstage Productions.

Guy Caridi has been choreographing and performing dance since 1991. He has competed, coached and judged at national dance competitions, and taught and performed internationally. Guy choreographed *State Fair* and *Wizard of Oz* for the Players, and numerous shows for local schools.

Jesse Cox has been active in theatre since his college days (two years ago) and has acted, composed original music, and run sound and lights in a number of productions. His interests include music (from classical to punk rock), reading, piano, theology, and music composition.

Mary Duckering has been involved with the Players in many capacities since 1970 and costumed

many of the shows in the 1970's and 1980's. After a 10-year break, Mary has costumed the last three shows: *Music Man, State Fair*, and *The Wizard of Oz*.

Nancy Estill is co-producing her seventh show for the Mountaineer Players. She looks forward

to the blooming of the rhododendrons every May.

Gala Lindvall is co-producing (with her good friend, Nancy) her seventh show for the

Mountaineer Players. She loves helping to "pull it all together" while working with such a stellar production crew and watching her daughter perform on stage.

Ellen McLain Lowrie has performed on Broadway with Sir Rex Harrison and Peggy Lee and

toured nationally with Richard Harris and Juliet Prowse. She has played roles as diverse as Mimi (*La Boheme*) and Linda Loman (*Death of a Salesman*). This is her second Players' show.

Brenda Mehl is returning for her 10th show with the Players. Being Stage Manager for such a large cast has been a unique experience. Thanks to all my friends and family for their support. **Katie McCoy** has been part of the Mountaineer Players for seven seasons. When not performing

she enjoys helping the cast and crew, and she loves her real job working at Cell Therapeutics, Inc. **Steve Rose**, first seen at the Forest Theatre in *Cinderella* (1983) and *Robin Hood* (1987), learned

set building and stage craft from his father, the late Leonard E. 'Len' Rose and the late Otto F. Wieck. He is currently serving as Chairman of the Kitsap Branch of The Mountaineers.

Craig Schieber's Players' credits include directing Wizard of Oz, State Fair, Music Man & A Midsummer Night's Dream (he enjoys multi-aged casts), and performing in Seven Brides & Little Mary Sunshine. Craig also directs the BA in Ed program daily at City University.

Teresa Thuman teaches speech and dialects at UW School of Drama and has taught and directed for Cornish and at Freehold. As an Artist-in-Residence at PCPA Theatrefest in California, Teresa taught in the conservatory acted in over thirty productions and served as resident dialect coach

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Ben Valenta, a graduate of King's West High School, is happy to be the Head Page Turner for his

3rd season with the Mountaineers Players. He enjoys guitar, singing, and playing hacky-sack. He

is currently a Computer Service Engineer at Poulsbo PC Repair and will attend Simpson College. **Debbie Valenta** is having a great time playing piano and synthesizer for her 3rd season with the Mountaineers Players. She thoroughly enjoys helping bring the play to life by adding the music accompaniment. She's a resident of Poulsbo and has been teaching piano lessons for over 25 years.

Cast Profiles Marion Allred first performed with the Mountaineer Players in 1972. Oliver! is her sixteenth

show at this theater. She has performed with Gilbert and Sullivan Society and Civic Light Opera. Kaylie Arnold, 12, is involved with Honor Orchestra, choir and many school/church plays &

concerts. She enjoys animals and wants to be a vet. This is her second Mountaineer show.

Daniel Baker is a sixth grader at Ridgecrest Elementary. He was Toto in Wizard of Oz, and appeared in Music Man, State Fair, and Secret Garden. He enjoys soccer and trombone playing.

Scott Baker, in his 5th year with the Players, enjoys singing and helping with sets, but he especially

appreciates the opportunity to participate with his family and his extended Player family. Stuart Baker, a freshman at Shorecrest High School, is dancing through his fifth season with

the Players. He is a soccer player, runner, and trombone player who especially enjoys jazz.

Sullivan Brown is 13 and a 7th grader at McClure Middle School in Seattle. He enjoys drama, drawing and ultimate frisbee.

Katelyn Cooper is an active 4-year old who appeared in last year's production of The Wizard of Oz as a Munchkin, and is now a die-hard Oz fan. She will attend Seabury School this fall.

Nicole Cooper is returning to the stage after a long-break. She was last seen on this stage as the Fiddler in Fiddler on the Roof, but has remained behind the scenes as the Player's treasurer ever

since. Getting to perform with her daughter, Katelyn, makes this experience even more special. Susan Coran, a sixth grader at Vinland Elementary School in Poulsbo, is in her first Players' show. She recently moved from the Washington D.C. area where she performed in several

shows. In her spare time she enjoys playing tennis and flute and being with her friends. Adrienne Easton is thrilled to be making her Seattle area debut with the Mountaineer Players. She comes most recently from San Diego where her favorite roles included Karen Andre in The

Night of January Sixteenth and Raccoon in the world premiere of The Willows. Miranda Eby has done many jobs with the Players in the past fourteen years (cooking and serving meals, passing out programs, working concessions, etc.). This is her fourth time on this stage.

Ashleigh Emmons, excited to be in her 1st show with the Players, is a 7th grader at Skyview Junior High and enjoys singing, acting, swimming and playing piano. She's been acting since age 6. Celeste Esposito appeared in last years' Wizard of Oz. She is a first grader at Helen Haller

Elementary School and loves soccer and playing with her friends. Her favorite color is red. Eric Esposito is a 3rd grader at Helen Haller Elementary School in Sequim. He likes playing

soccer and building things with legos. He was in last year's Wizard of Oz.

Evangeline Esposito is a 6th grader at Sequim Middle School and enjoys talking to friends, reading, and walking around town with friends. Her first Players' show was Wizard of Oz.

Stella Esposito was in the Wizard of Oz. She is a Freshman at Sequim High School and loves singing in her church choir, cooking, shopping in Seattle, and hanging out with all her friends.

Jenny Estill has appeared in 9 shows with the Players; the beauty of the Forest Theater and the camaraderie of the cast bring her back every year. Favorite roles include Dorothy in Wizard of

Oz, Amaryllis in Music Man (Driftwood Players) and Mary Lennox in Secret Garden. Jordan Fleming is 13 and a 7th grader at McClure Middle School in Seattle. In addition to drama, he enjoys sports, especially baseball and soccer.

Gail Foster has performed many roles for the Players (onstage and off). She fondly remembers the

magic moment last year when, as Glinda, she sang "step into the sun" and the sun came out to spotlight Dorothy! Other favorite roles: Elsa (Sound of Music) & Miss Stacey (Anne of Green Gables).

Valerie Foster is 10 years old, in the 4th grade, and is performing for the fifth year with the Mountaineer Players. When she's not on stage she enjoys snowboarding and playing her flute.

Walt Foster is appearing in his 11th Spring production at the Forest Theater, the third time as a law enforcement officer. Though he lays down the law for his wife, Gail (whom he met at this

theater), his policing efforts are invariably thwarted by the notorious "Handy Andy". David Gilmore can think of no more grand a thrill than working with his son on a show so rich

in talent, energy, and warm supportive souls as they have found the Mountaineers Players to be, nor a finer honor than to trod a stage with so rich a history as the Forest Theatre.

Ian Gilmore, an Edmonds/Woodway freshman, is enjoying his second performance with the Players, his first show being in an autumn production of Twelfth Night. Ian has also performed

Lauren Harris is enjoying her 4th performance with the Players, where she has been cast out of character - as an old lady! Past roles include: a munchkin (Oz), and a Pickalittle (Music Man).

at the Village Theatre and Historical Everett Theatre.

Cooper Harris-Turner is a freshman at Shorewood High School. He played Winthrop 3 years ago in Music Man and a crow in The Secret Garden, and Zeke in Wizard of Oz. He was also one

of Fagan's boys in CLO's Oliver in 1999 and has been acting since he was 6.

Cast Profiles (continued)

Julie Haakenson is excited to be making her debut with the Players. She's performed in theaters all over this area and is a proud company member of Breeders Theater. Love to Sis and Kristin.

Eirien Hart is thrilled to be making her debut appearance with the Mountaineer Players. Eirien has recently appeared as Domina in Forum, and General Cartwright in Guys and Dolls. She has especially enjoyed the last 22 years performing Magic with her husband Tim.

Michelle Heath, a senior at Shorewood High School, is pleased to be in her first play with the Players. Her favorite roles include the clown in Twelfth Night and Jessica in First Discipline.

Lee Ann Hittenberger, last seen here as Puck in Midsummer Night's Dream, asks "How do you portray an abused woman like Nancy? What motivates her? Is it Loyalty? Love? Thanks to Craig and Ken for their trust. As you enjoy the show think of what are you willing to live & die for.

Rachel Jones is from Federal Way - She's happy to be in this play - This is her third one - Gee,

It's been fun! She is a junior at Decatur High School. Amy Beth Lindvall, a sophomore at Shorewood HS, enjoys singing, swing & tap dancing, &

playing bari sax. This is her 10th show with the Players and favorite roles include: Lucy (Narnia), Sprintze (Fiddler), Robin (Secret Garden), and dancer (Wizard of Oz, State Fair & Music Man).

Jennifer Lund is happy to be involved with her 3rd Mountaineer production (Oz & Narnia). A graduate in theatre from Whitman College, she runs her own massage therapy practice in Seattle & sings

with Seattle Women's Chorus and Sacred Fire Choir. She dedicates this show to her Grandma. Shannon Malnes, 12, is a student at Assumption St. Bridget and competitively Irish dances for

The Comerford School. Her recent stage performances include: Fiddler on the Roof, Crazy For You

and Wizard of Oz. This summer she will appear in the musical Suessical, produced by Arts West. John Marx was last seen in Wizard of Oz and the Mountaineer Players' production of Twelfth Night. Off stage, he works as an architect in Tacoma.

Craig McCoy has been doing live theater for 4/5ths of his natural life. He was fortunate enough to meet his lovely wife Katie here at the Forest Theater while playing Lazar Wolfe, the lonely butcher, in Fiddler on the Roof. He's happy to be back in this year's show.

Jennifer Mehl is happy to be returning to the Players after a long hiatus. Playing a villainess in

this production has been a challenge and a lot of fun. She knows Grandpa Ted would be proud. Ken Michels' favorite roles: Elephant Man, Quasimodo, Tigger & D'Artagnon (Three Musketeers

1985). He wrote & directed Robin Hood (Players, 1987). His most rewarding role is husband to Shawna and daddy to Sofie and Amelia. He was the Scarecrow in last year's Wizard of Oz. Evan Randall has enjoyed being part of this theater for four years. He played Kurt (Sound of Music) and Colin (Secret Garden). He is a sophomore at Meadowdale High School in Lynnwood.

Tom Randall is thrilled to be doing his fourth Forest Theatre production in the last six years, having appeared as Captain Von Trapp (Sound of Music), Archie Craven (Secret Garden), and Lem Lampert (State Fair). "This is the greatest community theater experience available anywhere!"

Kate Reinert is a sixth grader at Washington Middle School. This is her first show. She likes art, acting and animals.

Thea Reinert, a sophomore, is ecstatic to appear in her fourth Players' show. She was Violet in State Fair. She lives on Bainbridge Island, and loves to sing. Anna Sabo, a senior at Franklin High School, is ecstatic to perform in her third show with the

Players. She also enjoys playing the clarinet and playing soccer.

Chelsea Taylor is a 7th grader at University Prep. This is her first musical, but she has been involved with Seattle Children's Theater programs and two National Institute of Health videos.

Ariana Taylor-Stanley is a sophomore at Bainbridge High School. This is her sixth Players'

show. In her "spare time", Ariana sings, plays the piano, and saves the earth.

Jonathan Turner-Lipson has always liked costumes, but this is his first time on stage. If not busy

as a knight, cowboy, ninja, jedi, clown, pirate or orphan, he is making creations out of paper. Taylor Turner-Lipson, in her first Players' show, has wanted to do this since she was two. She

had her first tastes of the stage at ballet and piano recitals, and in a choir. Alan Wilkie is happy to be making his first appearance with the Mountaineers Players. As an

actor and director he has been involved in over a hundred shows from Seattle to Spokane.

Alexandra Winder, having "grown up" here at the Forest Theater, is delighted to be in her first

show. As a second generation Player she is very happy to be sharing the stage with her father.

Doug Winder is happy to return to the stage side of the ferns after ten years "up the hill" parking,

ushering, selling concessions, etc. This is his eleventh show in the Forest Theater. Riley Woodward-Pratt is a senior at Bainbridge High School. Oliver! is his first show. Next year

he will be attending Evergreen State College.