



KITSAP FOREST THEATER

THEATER INSPIRED BY A MAGICAL PLACE

The Mountaineers Players present *The Little Mermaid*
at the magical **Kitsap Forest Theater** in Bremerton

July 30-31, August 6-7, 13-14, 20-21; 2016 – 2:00 pm

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BREMERTON, WA – The Mountaineers Players continue their tradition of outdoor theater at the magical Kitsap Forest Theater with the new Broadway musical, *The Little Mermaid*. For four weekends this summer (Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 pm) this popular movie character will come alive on our forest stage. 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. 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.

“The music, the plays, and the great natural theater in the woods is a special part of our family’s favorite memories! We look forward to each new season!” *Karen G., long time audience member*

“The old growth setting is so beautiful – the trail down to the amphitheater is worth the price of admission.”
Kristie, 1st time audience member

The Little Mermaid: In a magical kingdom beneath the sea, the beautiful young mermaid Ariel longs to leave her ocean home to live in the world above. Based on one of Hans Christian Andersen's most beloved stories and the classic animated film, **Disney's *The Little Mermaid*** is a hauntingly beautiful love story for the ages. With music by eight-time Academy Award winner Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater, and a compelling book by Doug Wright, this fishy fable will capture your heart with its irresistible songs including "Under the Sea," "Kiss the Girl," and "Part of Your World."

Ariel, King Triton's youngest daughter, wishes to pursue the human Prince Eric in the world above and bargains with the evil sea witch, Ursula, to trade her tail for legs. But the bargain is not what it seems and Ariel needs the help of her colorful friends Flounder the fish, Scuttle the seagull, and Sebastian the crab to restore order under the sea. This timeless tale is sure to capture the hearts of adults and children alike. Please join us on this journey under the sea to a fantastical world of magic, music, and adventure!

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.

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

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