



Kitsap Children's Musical Theatre

Providing Broadway-styled Children's Theatre to Greater Kitsap County

2015 Annual Report

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Mary Poppins, Fall 2015 Photo by Scott Sorensen.



Director Kerby Criss coaches Arden Fuller, Photo by Scott Sorensen.

Mission

KCMT's mission is to provide youth a creative outlet in a positive learning environment through professional, Broadway-type theatrical experience.

Vision

The vision of the Board of Directors is that KCMT be available to all youth who wish to participate regardless of background or finance.



Orchestra Director Lia Thomas, Photo by Scott Sorensen.

Goals

KCMT's ongoing goals are:

- To be constantly growing towards professionalism as we train youth in the art of musical theatre production.
- To provide the community with a Youth Theatre Company that builds intergenerational ties and volunteer opportunities for all generations.
- To be known throughout the community as an awe-inspiring theatrical production company where participants and audience members alike are fulfilled and entertained.
- To continue to grow as we venture to meet the community's need for a successful, children's musical theatre company.
- To train our KCMT youth today to become our community theatre leaders of tomorrow.
- To uphold wholesome qualities, family-oriented customs and high moral standards.
- To procure a state-of-the-art performance facility that will be a permanent home for KCMT.

KCMT Year in Review



Truman Krafsky. Photo by Lowell Sannes.

Spring 2015 - *Shrek, The Musical*

104 children, divided into four casts performed to enthusiastic crowds in May. With an all-volunteer crew, the sets were some of the most popular and seamless KCMT has built to date, and provided a visually stunning backdrop to our colorful fairytale creatures. Vocally challenging harmonies were taught and sung to perfection, and our choreographers wowed crowds with a range of tap, jazz, and classical steps.



Photo by Lisabeth McComb.

Summer Camp 2015 - *Show Biz*

Under the guidance of Camp Director Annabeth Criss, KCMT provided three weeks of summer day camp, each culminating in a full musical performance. Camp counselors included KCMT teen staff, alumni, and veterans who facilitated daily activities such as games, choreography, vocals, and team-building exercises. Over the past five years, camp has grown from one sold-out week of campers to three weeks of adventure and excitement.



Photo by Lowell Sannes.

Fall 2015 - *Mary Poppins*

Fall brought about a magical production that was "practically perfect in every way"! Four casts, totalling 124 children, danced and sang their way through London with Bert as their guide. The show was filled with exciting new challenges, bringing together a skilled team of volunteers working with technology in order to create feats of magic behind the scenes, enchanting audience members both young and old.

KCMT Gives Back to the Community



KCMT enjoys a long-standing relationship with Royal Family Kids' Camp, and hosts one benefit show during each production. The benefit show draws a dedicated audience, who In 2015, contributed over \$6,400 to assist RFKC in providing a life-changing camp experience for Kitsap County foster children ages 6-12. KCMT kids performed numbers from *Shrek* at RFKC this summer, providing an exciting musical theatre experience for campers.



Willow Crosby and Gabe Mathis. Photo by Lowell Sannes.



Emmalia Monroe, Truman Krafsky, Willow Crosby, and Maelin Payne. Photo by Rosalyn Owen.

2015 brought about a new community relationship with North Kitsap Fishline Food Bank. Families and patrons donated non-perishable food items during rehearsals and shows, and then presented goods to Fishline at the end of each production. KCMT will continue to partner with Fishline in 2016.



As a non-profit organization, KCMT depends on the generous donations from corporations, foundations, and individuals. Funds and in-kind donations enable KCMT to accept all children regardless of finances or background. KCMT offers scholarships for tuition as well as to our graduating high school seniors. This year, not only did KCMT receive the gift of donation from major donors, but we also participated in Kitsap Community Foundation's Great Give, and brought in over \$5,000 from individuals. Thank you to all who help Kitsap County youth experience musical theatre.

THANK YOU DONORS!

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Olivia Bentley and Cole Zieser. Photo by Greg Salo.

KCMT is participating in
2016's Kitsap Great Give.
Please consider donating.

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VOLUNTEERS

KCMT's adult and teen volunteers work behind the scenes designing and creating sets, costume, hair and make-up; teaching acting, choreography, and vocals; provide concessions; and much more. In 2015, volunteers logged over 4,000 hours.

Photos (clockwise from top left): Steve Bentley and Karen Trostad, photo by Carly McLeod; McKenna Bates and Sirena McKinley, photo by Scott Sorensen; Willow Stewart, Sandra Jamrock, Grace Rees, and Alec Ibarra, photo by Laura Callender; Carmen Rees, photo by Scott Sorensen; Aimee Krafsky and Jerry Ashton, photo by Suzi Crosby; David Whitemarsh and Merle Trostad, photo by Scott Sorensen; Jennifer Miller and Debbie Sorensen, photo by Scott Sorensen.

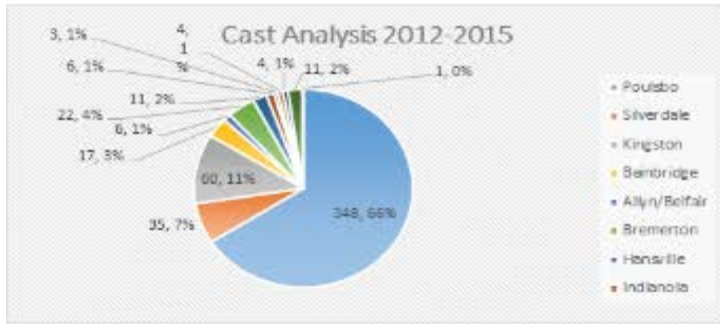


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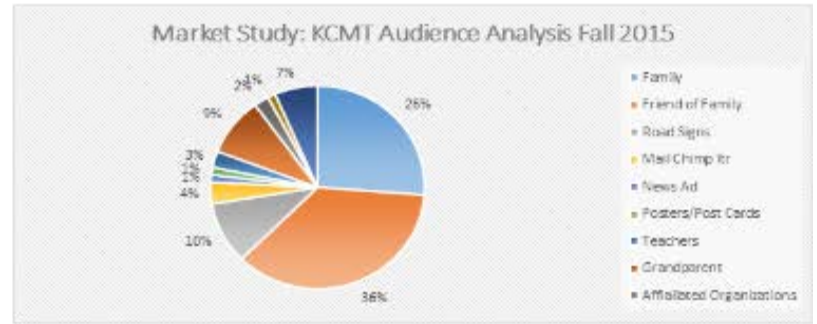


KCMT Performs at Ghoulsbo Halloween, Photo by Laura Callender.

KCMT is Family and Community



From 36 kids participating in 2000, KCMT now serves 120–150 youth per production, with a 2 year average of 116. Casts are primarily divided by age – with casts A & B ages 13 and above, and casts B & C 12 and under. We see participation from every town/city in Kitsap County with the majority residing in North Kitsap.

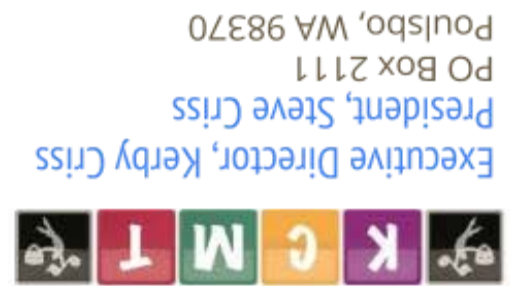


Our audience attendance averages 4,500 per production or 250 per show. As expected, word of mouth is the strongest support of any organization and we see the results of that in our audience attendance with 62% of our audience being family or friends of family. We also see strong attendance from our affiliated organizations, and advertising efforts.



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Willow Stewart, Alec Ibarra, Ellie Swanson, and Jackson Tucker. Photo by Scott Sorensen.



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May 5 - 22, 2016
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