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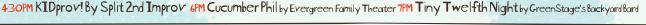
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Mike Andrew - 25th Season Dedication



GreenStage is dedicating our twenty-fifth season to the memory of Mike Andrew, who passed away in March of this year. Mike was one of the earliest members of the company, playing Sir Toby Belch in the 1991 and 1992 productions of *Twelfth Night*. Two years later, he and several of the actors from that season's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, joined the board of directors in order to breathe new life into the company.

Mike served as GreenStage's Board President for several years, leading the formation of the organization's bylaws, overseeing our becoming a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, and helping transition us from the name Shakespeare Northwest into what is now GreenStage. He also created many props, creatures, and magic – some of these still appear from time to time; he created

a particular costume being used in this summer's A Midsummer Night's Dream. And you might remember a life sized stuffed deer that has appeared in several productions, most recently in 2010's As You Like It.

Mike was a kind of shepherd as this company was beginning to grow and his presence will always be part of who we are. He was a true believer in life; and he never stopped laughing, learning, reaching out and growing. Most of all, he never stopped telling stories – so this year, we dedicate our stories to him.

Thanks, Mike. We miss you.

Lucky Universe.

- Erin Day, Artistic Director
- Ken Holmes, Managing Director

Mike Andrew Scholarship

GreenStage has established **The Mike Andrew Scholarship Fund** as a tribute to Mike and his indomitable spirit, his great capacity for joy, his boundless spirit and curiosity, and his absolute unwillingness to stop exploring and learning. This will be a needs-based scholarship administered by GreenStage's Education Director; so Mike's pioneering spirit can be passed on to some young, hungry minds.

To contribute to this fund, or learn more: www.greenstage.org/mikeandrew -

About GreenStage

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Photos: Top left - Mike Andrew in 2012, courtesy of Elizabeth Andrew. Top right - Mike as Sir Toby Belch in Twelfth Night, 1992. Bottom right - Gianni Truzzi with Fluffy the deer in As You Like It, 2010

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Directors' Notes +



KING LEAR

I believe King Lear is one of the most perfect plays ever written. It is an adept, cruel, passionate, intense analysis of human beings. It is about choices and how we relate to what is around us; what we choose to take and what to give. The more time I spend with the play, the more I am awed and moved; the more I see flashes of my own life, the time in which we live, our relation to one another, and to all things.

This play is populated; every character has an independent and equally important life. There are wonderful roles throughout Shakespeare's plays; however, each character exists only in their relation to the main role. For example Gertrude, Ophelia, and Polonius are fully formed, marvelous roles, but only in relation to Hamlet. In Lear, this is not so; each character has their own story and journey of their own making; their own humanity.

This play makes me want to be better. It demands it.

Thank you for coming.

– Erin Day



A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

When I was invited into the GreenStage family to direct A Midsummer Nights Dream it was, as they say, a dream come true. I knew I would be working with the best talent in Seattle. The audition process proved me right. My good friend, Adam Othman, joined me to assist in the fun and was the first to mention our "dream cast."

Collaboration, a true art form in itself, leads to a satisfied and fulfilled existence. What a blessing to have such an incredibly energized, giving group of artists to play and pursue my vision with. And play we did! We thought, what if Shakespeare had written *Dream* today? What might he reference to catch the attention of today's audience. The mystic and magic of the circus? The black and white silent film comedy pioneers? A sexy sword fight? Three different worlds sharing one stage.

So, I thank this wonderful team for exploring the many levels of love. Erin, Amelia, Michelle and Ken, thank you for the chance to play hard. Through the wonderful words of William Shakespeare and the unbridled physical joy of this brilliant cast I have seen the many faces of love and I have fallen hard.

I had a dream and here it is. Enjoy

– Ken Michels

Pictured: Left - Vince Brady as King Lear and Ashley Flannegan as Cordelia; Right - Luke Sayler as Bottom and Gina Marie Russell as Titania

SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK!



Directed by Erin Day

CAST - in alphabetical order

| Meredith Armstrong | Goneril |
|--------------------|------------|
| Vince Brady | Lear |
| Anthony Duckett | Cornwall |
| Ashley Flannegan | Cordelia |
| Sam Hagen | Fool |
| Steve Scheide | Edmund |
| Johnny Patchamatla | Kent |
| Eli Sklov Simons | Albany |
| Brendan Toner | Oswald |
| Gianni Truzzi | Gloucester |
| Nicole Vernon | Regan |
| Daniel Wood | Edgar |



Directed by Ken Michels

CAST – in alphabetical order

| Spencer Bradley | Flute, Fairy |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Taylor Davis | Puck |
| Jalyn Green | Lysander |
| Janeé Green | Moth |
| Natalie Gress | Gnat |
| Kyle Johnson | Demetrius |
| Alyssa Kay | Hermia |
| Danni Krehbiel | Fairy, Starveling |
| James Lynch | Snug, Snout, Fairy |
| Madeline Nutting | Helena |
| Michael Ramquist | Peter Quince, Egeus |
| David Rollison | Theseus, Oberon |
| Gina Marie Russell | Hippolyta, Titania |
| Luke Sayler | Bottom |

PRODUCTION TEAM

| Megan Duncan | Stage Manager (Midsummer) |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| Chelsea Johnson | Stage Manager (Lear) |
| Adam Othman | Assistant Director (Midsummer) |
| Julia Evanovich | Costume Designer (Midsummer) |
| Elizabeth Power | Costume Designer (Lear) |
| Ryan John Spickard | Fight Choreographer |
| Laura Garcia | Prop Designer |
| Jeff Thomas | Dramaturg |
| Max Pagel | Technical Director/Scenic Designer |
| Chris Garland | Tour Manager (Lear) |
| Johannah O'Halloran | |
| Liam Enns | House Manager (Midsummer) |
| Erin Mettling | House Manager (Lear) |

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BAGKMARD BARD Minimum Minimum



Big Shakespeare; Little Parks.

Since 2008, GreenStage has offered a one-hour, four-actor production of *Twelfth Night* as a show-for-hire. *"Tiny" Twelfth Night* performed at theme parties, community functions, and the occasional backyard, serving as a gentle introduction to the best parts of the larger play, and bringing the story vibrantly to life in more intimate venues with verve and brevity.

Now we're taking the program on tour! Our inaugural year's four actors will bring all the laughter, all the adventure, and all the magic of two famous comedies to ten locations in the greater Seattle area. It is our hope, and our mission, to lift these beloved plays off the page and breathe them into life with reverent honesty, ferocious enthusiasm, and unwavering joy, and bring these performances to all the places where new friends of GreenStage might enjoy a bit of poetry in the sun.

Directed by Marc "Mok" Moser

CAST – in alphabetical order

Joey Fechtel

Twelfth NightSebastian, Sir Andrew, Captain, Officer Merry Wives of WindsorFalstaff, Page

Parker Matthews

| Twelfth Night | . Orsino, Sir Toby Belch, N | Aalvolio |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|
| Merry Wives of Windsor | Fo | rd, Host |

Mandy Nelson

Twelfth NightOlivia, Antonio, Maria, Valentine Merry Wives of WindsorMistress Ford, Pistol

Anna Richardson Twelfth NightViola Merry Wives of WindsorMistress Page, Nym

Production Crew

| Juliette Lynch | Costume Designer |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Kathryn Mesaros | Stage Manager |

Brief Breakdown of Backyard Bard

Twelfth Night

Shipwrecked in Illyria, and separated from her twin brother Sebastian, Viola disguises herself as a man and hides in the court of her nation's enemy, Duke Orsino, who also happens to be the man of her dreams. The course of true love ne'er ran less smoothly than in this delightful tale of mistaken identity, passions poetically misdirected, and two or three or four hearts bourne aloft on the clumsy wings of romance.

The Merry Wives of Windsor

Falstaff is experiencing an economic downturn. What better way to refill his empty purse than to woo two wealthy married women he's only just met? What could possibly go laughably, horribly wrong for this beloved, famous knight? Discover the heights to which a noble suitor will pretend to aspire, and the depths to which he'll also sink, just to win the hearts and coffers of women much, much smarter than he.

Simple Summaries of the Summer Shows by Jeff Thomas



KING LEAR

In pre-Roman Britain, the retiring King Lear plans to divide his kingdom among his three daughters, Goneril, Regan, and Cordelia. But after a spat with Cordelia, whom he had loved best, he gives her share of the kingdom to her sisters and marries her, without a dowry, to the King of France. Lear plans to alternate visiting Goneril and Regan, but they prove to be ruthless, harsh, murderous rulers, and inhospitable to Lear.

Meantime, the Earl of Gloucester's son Edmund fools Gloucester into thinking that his other son, Edgar, is plotting to kill him. Edgar must flee for his life, and disguises himself as a mad beggar, Poor Tom.

Enraged by the ingratitude of Goneril and Regan, King Lear runs out into one of the worst storms in memory, with no company but his Fool, Edgar in his disguise as Poor Tom, and one loyal retainer, Kent.

Cordelia returns at the head of the French army, intending to restore Lear to the throne. In a collision of forces, Lear, Cordelia, Edgar, Edmund, Goneril, and Regan determine each other's fate.



A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

In ancient Athens, two pairs of lovers have two problems: Lysander and Hermia love each other, but Demetrius also loves Hermia rather than Helena, who loves Demetrius. Further, Hermia's father Egeus insists that she marry Demetrius, and Athens's law supports him.

Hermia and Lysander elope into the Athenian woods, followed by Demetrius and Helena. Confusion and danger await, for the woods are a fairyland full of creatures such as the mischief-making Puck.

The same night, some craftsmen take to the woods to rehearse a play that they will put on for Athens's ruler Theseus. Just for fun, Puck turns Nick Bottom, one of the playrehearsing craftsmen, into a donkey.

Oberon, the king of fairies, and his consort Titania are angry with each other. Oberon has Puck magically cause Titania to fall in love with the transformed Nick Bottom. Oberon also wants Puck to straighten out the lovers, but Puck confuses the situation more than ever.

Who will end up with whom? It's a mare's nest of problems that will take the rest of the night to sort out.

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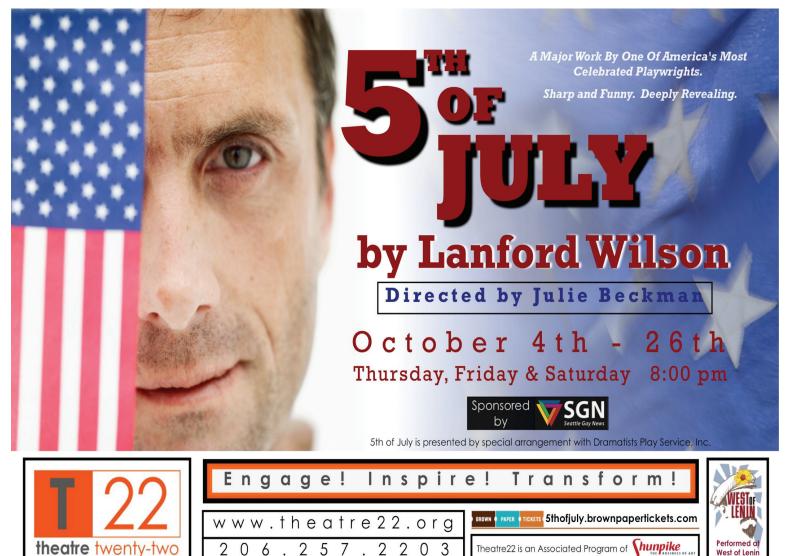


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<u>A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM - CAST</u>



Spencer Bradley (Flute/Fairy) Spencer is thrilled to be involved with GreenStage's A Midsummer Night's Dream. He has performed at Seattle Public Theatre and Freehold Theatre in roles including Claudius in Hamlet; Groundskeeper Lumpkin in Smash!; Sweeney Todd in Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street; Horatio in Another Dead Caesar; and Angelo in Measure for Measure. He would like to thank GreenStage and his loving mother and girlfriend for their support!



Taylor Davis (Puck)

Taylor is so excited to be performing her favorite role again, this time for GreenStage. Taylor received a BFA in Musical Theatre from the University of Oklahoma and has been fortunate to have performed in, directed, and choreographed many shows over the years. Her favorites include Puck in A Midsummer Night's Dream, Kate in The Taming of the Shrew, Queen Anne in Richard III (Oklahoma Shakespeare in the Park), Penelope in See How They Run (Valley Center Stage), Jeffrey in Godspell (Evergreen Family Theatre), and directing Death By Chocolate (EFT) and Closer (Orasi). Much love to her husband, friends, family, cast, and everyone at GreenStage!



Jalyn Green (Lysander) Jalyn returns for his third consecutive summer with GreenStage, after previously acting in The Taming of the Shrew and Antony and Cleopatra. A company member with Ghost Light Theatricals, he has worked with a number of companies, including Theater Schmeater, Balagan, Secondstory Rep, Tacoma Little Theatre, Shakespeare Northwest and many more. Next up he will be making his Burien Little Theatre Debut as Igor in the musical Young Frankenstein. Love to his cast and crew, his family, and especially his Otter. Enjoy the show.



Janeé Green (Apprentice - Moth) Janeé is 16 and a junior at Kentwood High School. She is ecstatic to be working iwth GreenStage for the first time. Recent shows she has performed in include Hairspray, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Woman and Wallace, and Man of La Mancha. Janeé loves theatre and Shakespare and wants to continue theatre after high school. She would like to thank Ms. Lloyd and GreenStage for the opportunity to work on A Midsummer Night's Dream this summer.



Natalie Gress (Apprentice - Gnat) Natalie is a senior at Liberty High School. She has performed in Seussical Jr. (JoJo), Ella Enchanted (Ella), The Crucible (Betty Parris), The Mystery of Edwin Drood, Bye-Bye Birdie (Mae Peterson), Romeo and Juliet (Juliet), Little Shop (Puppeteer), Snow Angel, and most recently The Wizard of Oz. Natalie also participates in Improv, Journalism, and the Marching Band at her high school. She would like to thank her family, friends, teachers, coaches, directors, YAI2012, GreenStage for this wonderful opportunity, and God for all the love and support. Enjoy the show!



Kyle Johnson (Demetrius) Kyle is honored to make his debut with GreenStage. Kyle is a recent graduate of Cornish College of the Arts holding a BFA in Acting. Over the past few years, Kyle has been involved in numerous productions in the Seattle area. You may have seen Kyle in Seattle Shakespeare's Wooden O production of Macbeth as Young Siward, Quiet's subUrbia as Tim, and Arouet's The Gene Pool as Peter.

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM - CAST (continued)



Alyssa Kay (Hermia) Alyssa has previously appeared in GreenStage's productions of The Tempest (Miranda) and Henry VIII (Anne Boleyn), and she's delighted to be returning for a third season! Other recent productions include Disco Pigs (Sound Theatre Company/GianT Projects), Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Christmas Carol (Taproot Theatre), and the feature film Shadowed. Alyssa earned her BA in Drama from the University of Washington, trained at the Accademia dell'Arte in Arezzo, Italy, and has performed with numerous local companies over the years including Book-It Repertory Theatre, Seattle Opera, Women Seeking..., Live Girls! Theater, Ghost Light Theatricals, and Centerstage. Love to her Fox.



Danni Krehbiel (1st Fairy/Starveling) Danni is thrilled to be a part of one of her favorite shows of all time with a company she has admired for many years. She will be a junior next year at Cornish College of the Arts studying musical theatre; where she was last seen in Working the Musical. Some of her favorite parts include Minnie Fay in Hello Dolly (Tacoma Musical Playhouse), and Chava in Fiddler on the Roof (Western Washington Center for the Arts). This summer she is prepping to study abroad at Accademia Dell'Arte in Arezzo, Italy next winter. "Thanks for putting up with me Mom and Dad, Love you!"



James Lynch (Snug/Snout/Fairy) James is thrilled to be making his GreenStage debut in his favorite Shakespeare comedy. He was last seen as Snug the Joiner in Rouge Theatric's A Midsummer Night's Dream. Other Credits include: Gregor in The Dancing Princess (SecondStory Repertory) Dasher in The Eight: Reindeer Monologues (Shoreline Community College) and Mr. Fogg in Sweeney Todd: School Edition (Second Story Repertory). James will be starting his college career as a freshman at Seattle Pacific University this fall as a theater major. This one goes out to his mom.



Madeline Nutting (Helena) Madeline is so excited to be playing with GreenStage again this summer. She holds a BFA in performance from the University of Idaho and has been seen on stage around town for the last year or so in shows such as GreenStage's Taming of the Shrew, Arouet's The House of Bernarda Alba, and as an actor in the Seattle Opera. This show holds a special place in her heart as it was the first show she ever acted in, playing Hermia at the age of 11 in the Port Angeles Children's Theatre. She would like to give a shout out to everyone who has encouraged her dreams for the last 15 years. Thank you all!



Michael Ramquist (Quince/Egeus) Given the chance, Michael would perform Shakespeare inside of your kitchen cupboard and it is likely that most of the other players would agree. Fortunately, for the last 25 years, the amazing people that are GreenStage have found whole public parks in which to perform for more than just the mice. Dreams seldom turn out like this (trust me on this one.) Although there are many incredibly talented individuals making this production memorable, this dream would never have arisen were it not for the disciplined, caring, inspired, insanity that is our director Ken Michels. Finally, Michael would like to dedicate his performance to Gary Pearson, whose portrayal of the most committed friend and family man goes unmatched after his death. Enjoy the show!



David Rollison (Oberon/Theseus) David is thrilled to be making his GreenStage debut in their 25th anniversary season. A graduate of Cornish College of the Arts, he has mostly stuck to Improv for the last several years. He is a former full-time member of Jet City Improv and continues to perform in their latenight cult hit Funbucket. Look for him later this year in the horror comedy Junk Bonds. Love to his grandmother who always wanted to see him in another Shakespeare play. And to Julia. She knows why, too.



Gina Marie Russell (Titania/Hippolyta) Gina is thrilled to be acting with GreenStage once again. She recently finished Scotto Moore's sci-fi one-acts, Starcrossed at Annex and The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (Rona Lisa Peretti) with Ken Michaels at Bainbridge Performing Arts. Last year, she performed in The Who's Tommy (Mrs. Walker) also at BPA; Hansel & Gretel (Freda) with Theater Schmeater: Arouet's House of Bernarda Alba (Martiro); and Hecuba in quiet's Trojan Women. Favorite past shows: Seattle Shakespeare Company's The Threepenny Opera (Lucy Brown); Money Changes Everything (Candy Hart), and c. 1993 at Annex; The Tempest

(Ariel) and As You Like It (Audrey) with GreenStage; Emerald City Scene's Sister Cities (Carolina); and Rough Play's King Lear (Regan). Next up: Les Miserables with Balagan in September!



Luke Sayler (Bottom) This is Luke's second summer with GreenStage. Last year's Henry VIII was Luke's outdoor debut portraying Suffolk and Gentleman. Other recent stage roles include Algernon in The Importance of Being Earnest, Teucer in Ajax, Bentley the Clown in Not All Clowns are Bozos II and III and Simon in The Real Inspector Hound. Luke is a graduate of Cornish College of the Arts. Big love to Granny Jean and nephew Elijah.



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KING LEAR - CAST



Meredith Armstrong (Goneril) This is Meredith's seventh show with GreenStage and it's definitely a lucky one! She is excited to be back in the parks after three autumns Hard Bard-ing indoors, and to be playing a role that has been on her Bardic Bucket List since the late 1980s. She thanks director Erin Day for the chance to check it off. Meredith is a theatre alumna of Western Washington University and the National Shakespeare Conservatory. When not acting, you'll find her bellydancing, rock climbing, practicing aerials, baking, or writing. Favorite past roles include Elmire (Tartuffe, SecondStory Rep), Catherine (Proof, Renton Civic Theatre), Katherine (Henry V, GreenStage), and Mercutio (All-female Romeo & Juliet, Hose & Britches). She dedicates this performance to her friend, teacher, and mentor, Gretchen Orsland.



Vince Brady (King Lear) Vince was born in England and worked as an actor and director in the U.K. and Europe. He studied Voice with Barbara Houseman (RSC & Shakespeare's Globe) and Shakespeare Performance with Patrick Tucker (RSC, Original Shakespeare Company & Shakespeare's Globe). Since moving to the Pacific Northwest, Vince has worked with many wonderful organizations including Seattle Shakespeare Company, Village Theater, Centerstage, Harlequin and Wooden O. He also spent five years as Artistic Director of Exchange Theatre. His favorite Shakespeare roles include Claudius (for GreenStage), Bottom, Trinculo, Richard II, both Antipholus's (in different productions!), Benedick and Macbeth. Vince would like to thank you for coming out to the park today and hopes you enjoy the show. Also very special thanks to his wife, Sally and his two sons, Jack and Drew.



Anthony Duckett (Cornwall) Anthony is heartily satisfied to be returning to GreenStage for his fourth time; previous roles including Anselmus in Cardenio, Trinculo in The Tempest and Arthur in King John. Anthony has also been seen on many other stages throughout Seattle including Seattle Public Theater, Book It Repertory Theatre, ACT, ArtsWest, Theater Schmeater, and more. Anthony is a lover of the smell of bacon, fresh sawdust, and old leather, and can be seen on sunny days singing show tunes on his motorcycle.



Ashley Flannegan (Cordelia) Ashley is excited to be working with GreenStage for the third time. She has had the great fortune to work locally with companies like Balagan, Book-It Repertory Theatre, Island Stage Left, Live Girls! Theater and Unexpected Productions, and regionally with PCPA Theaterfest and the Southwest Shakespeare Company. When she is not playing in the parks, Ashley is watching a Sounders match, catching up on Dr. Who, reading a good book or memorizing sonnets as part of a challenge to memorize all of Shakespeare's 154 Sonnets in 154 weeks. She sends love and gratitude to her friends, family and especially her handsome hubby. Ashley dedicates her performance to Patricia Troxel whose intellect, kindness, humor and passion lives on in the countless lives she touched.



Sam Hagen (*The Fool*) Sam is returning with pleasure to GreenStage for the free t-shirt and to be a part of the best Shakespeare he has seen in Seattle. This will be his sixth performance with the company (8th if you count the Backyard Bard stuff). He can only hope that you enjoy the show, and these "special" people, as much as he does. Thanks to Alex for all her love and support.



Johnny Patchamatla (Kent) Johnny thanks you for joining us today as GreenStage celebrates their 25th(!) season of bringing the classics to the greater Seattle masses - for free - thanks in no small part to the generous support of gracious patrons like you! Once again playing a man banished for his loyalty, Johnny was last seen on the bloody REDstage of GreenStage's Hard Bard production of *Titus Andronicus* (Tony Driscoll). He first joined the GreenStage band of merrymakers as York in the

epic production of *Henry VI*, parts 1, 2, & 3 (directed by Ken Holmes), and has appeared in dozens of other productions with various other companies in town including Village Theater, Balagan, Theater Schmeater, SIS Productions and many more. He is also a grateful performer with Effective Arts. Much love and thanks to Peanut.



Stephen R. Scheide (Edmund) Stephen is excited to make his GreenStage debut in their 25th season. He has been training and creating theatre in Seattle for almost a decade. Past credits include The Last Days of Judas Iscariot (El-Fayoumy), Vitriol (Goldschagg), Troilus and Cressida (Achilles). Stephen was most recently seen in Star Crossed, and other tales from a devious universe at Annex Theatre. Stephen holds a degree in sociology from the University of Washington and enjoys hiking, sailing and sushi. Next, you can watch him perform some action at Bumbershoot, Labor Day weekend, with Performers' Forge. Many thanks to those that make him smile every day.



Eli Sklov Simons (Albany) Eli was born in, has spent much of his life in and around Seattle, and is thrilled to be spending his summer in some of the areas many fine parks. Some of Eli's early years were spent in Michigan and it was during those years that he fell in love with Shakespeare. Seeing *The Tempest* and *Twelfth Night* (and many others) at The Stratford Festival in Ontario, Canada gave him an interest and a passion that he still has to this day. Eli has been with GreenStage for over 20 years and every single one of those years has been a blessing. Thank you for being part of it all.



Brendan Toner (Oswald) Brendan is pleased to be returning to GreenStage after last summer's fabulous *Henry VIII*. He has been seen around town with Washington Ensemble Theatre, Endangered Species Project, Fantastic Z and has most recently appeared in *Mating Games* with Seattle Playwrights Collective at Annex Theatre.



Gianni Truzzi (Gloucester) This is Gianni's third romp in the parks with GreenStage, where he also performed in As You Like It and The Tempest. He was most recently seen speaking "Dogg" in Dogg's Hamlet, Cahoot's Macbeth with Sound Theatre Company, with whom he also performed as Pridamant in The Illusion and directed last fall's critically acclaimed Disco Pigs. Favorite roles include Chicken in 5xTenn (or so) at Stone Soup, Atticus Finch in To Kill a Mockingbird at Attic Theater, and David Bliss in Hay Fever at Renton Civic Theater. He has also performed with Seattle Public Theater, and Arne Zaslove's Hit & Run Theatre. Thanks to his awesome family, Z and S, for indulging his very busy summer.



Nicole Vernon (*Regan*) Nicole is walking on air to be here, with this cast, with this story, and with you! Some of her other GreenStage credits include Cardenio (The Lady), As You Like It (Celia), Hard Bard Titus Andronicus (Lavinia), and Twelfth Night (Viola). You may occasionally find her kickin' up her heels with The Eclectic Cloggers or slinging cherries at the Market. This one is for Craig.



Daniel Wood (Edgar) Summer outdoor theater is Daniel's favorite medium to perform in and he's thrilled to be returning to GreenStage for a third straight year. GreenStage audiences may recognize him as Stephano in The Tempest, Buckhingham in Henry VIII and Hippolito in the HARD BARD production of The Revenger's Tragedy. Some other favorite roles include Benedick in Much Ado About Nothing (SecondStory Rep), Harry Hay in The Temperamentals (Arouet) and the title role in The American Pilot (Theater Schmeater). He has also performed with Wooden O, Book-It Rep, Seattle Public Theater, Balagan Theatre, Sound Theatre Company, Annex Theater, Centerstage, Harlequin Productions and the Seattle Opera. Much love to his beautiful and gifted wife Julia Evanovich. Catch him next as Richard Hannay in The 39 Steps at Centerstage.

BACKYARD BARD - CAST



Joey Fechtel

Joey is really excited to be working on Backyard Bard! He has recently been seen around the Sound in *Gloucester Blue* by Israel Horovitz at Harlequin Productions in Olympia, Suddenly Last Summer with Theatre 9/12, *The Last Days of Judas Iscariot* with Ghost Light Theatricals, The Abdication with Handwritten Productions, and is a member of Studio 4 Seattle with D. Nail. Joey loves stage combat, new works, guitar, singing, hand stands, and a bunch of other stuff! Tell him about you?



Parker Matthews

Parker is downright ridiculously stoked about joining GreenStage this summer, mainly because In-The-Park shows are a wonderful confluence of his three favorite things: Shakespeare, fake beards, and heat stroke. Matthews is cofounder and Imagination Czar of Drybones, an artists' collective dedicated to producing unconventional and hopeful art across Seattle. He is thankful to share at least two of his three favorite things with you this summer and hopes that you are blessed (and highly entertained) by these works.



Mandy Nelson

Mandy is pleased as punch to be working with GreenStage this summer. She recently finished a run as Theresa in Redwood Theater's production of *How the Other Half Loves*, and has been in shows at Ghostlight and Tacoma Little Theater. A graduate of the University of Washington School of Drama, she spends her days working hard for the man. She sends her best love to Blake and her family.



Anna Richardson

Anna is very excited to play in the parks this summer in her first GreenStage show. Previous shows in Seattle include Troilus and Cressida and How to be Cool. Other favorites are the one woman show Bold Grace, Jesus Christ Superstar, The Lady's Not for Burning, and most recently, Harlequin Productions' Gloucester Blue. Love and thanks always to her Mom, Dad, Emma, and Adam for their unending love and support. Enjoy the show!

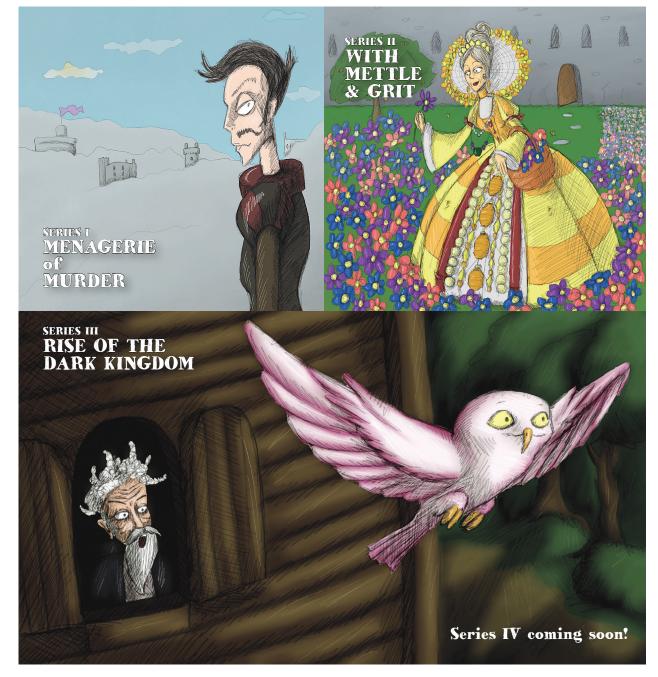




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PRODUCTION TEAM

Erin Day

(Director- Lear, Artistic Director)

Erin is humbled by the array of dedication and talent she has been privileged to spend the summer with. Since moving from Washington DC, she found a home in GreenStage and finds nothing grander than playing with them and with you. Around town, she has performed at Seattle Public Theater, Theatre Babylon, Seattle Fringe Festival, The Washingtonians! and others. She is currently a member of The Midnite Mystery Players and is honored to serve as Artistic Director for GreenStage. Thanks to her amazing family and especially to you. Enjoy the show!

Ken Michels

(Director - Midsummer)

Ken is thrilled to have a chance at launching a visual attack on the Bard's Dream. Most recently Ken has directed The Full Monty and The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee for Bainbridge Performing Arts. At SecondStory Rep he directed A Christmas Carol. And Footloose for Kitsap Forest Theatre. In the near future is Shrek at BPA. Another holiday season with old Mr. Scrooge. And in the new year, Avenue Q at BPA. He has collaborated with his good friend Theresa Thuman on The Complete Works of William Shakespeare The Illusion, The Foreigner, The Tempest and Dogg's Hamlet, Cahoots Macbeth for her Sound Theatre Company. And also joined in the fun with her on The 39 Steps, The Producers, Noises Off, Tommy and Tartuffe. To be able to create and share wonderful art with good people is a dream that Ken hopes is never ending.

Marc "Mok" Moser

(Director – Backyard Bard)

Mok is a 28-year veteran of community theater in Western Washington, and is deeply tickled to be a part of this exciting new program, to help build these two hilarious shows, and to then take credit for all the actors' hard work. He is deeply grateful to Ms. Day, Ms. Rodriguez and Mr. Holmes for their advice, enthusiasm, and support in the construction of this new tour.

Adam Othman

(Assistant Director – Midsummer) Adam is thrilled to be working on A Midsummer Night's Dream. He has worked throughout the Northwest as an actor, teacher and director. He feels fortunate to make a living following his artistic passions. Currently he is the Drama and Film Director at Seattle Preparatory School. Special thanks to Ken Michels, the GreenStage artistic team, and the entire Midsummer cast for this amazing experience.

Julia Evanovich

(Costume Designer - Midsummer)

Julia Evanovich is a Seattle-based designer, painter and teaching artist. She is excited to be working with GreenStage again. She is honored to be a part of this production of A Midsummer Night's Dream. Some of Julia's favorite recent ventures are: Cabaret (School Yard Gang); Fallen Angels, Hansel and Gretel, Lark Eden, Live! From the Last Night of My Life, Pageant Play and The American Pilot (Theater Schmeater); I'm into Something Good (Centerstage); The Tempest (GreenStage). She'd like to thank her partner in life and arts Daniel Wood for his patience, encouragement and love.

Elizabeth Power

(Costume Designer - Lear)

A long-time fan of GreenStage, this is Elizabeth's chance to play with grown ups. Most of the time she works back stage at Snohomish High School, Glacier Peak High School, Driftwood Players and various other volunteer sewing opportunities. You can find her making something everyday. Recently she completed Bye Bye Birdie for a cast of 50. She is super excited to have the opportunity to work with such a fine group of creative people. She would like to thank her son Cormac Power for helping with the special effects costume details. Enjoy the show!

Juliette Lynch

(Costume Designer – Backyard Bard)

Julie is sixteen years old and has homeschooled her entire life. This is Julie's first time working with a professional theatre company and she is absolutely loving it. She has been sewing and quilting for about six years and plans on becoming a designer. She will be starting the Running Start program at Edmonds Community College this fall and hopes to attend Seattle Pacific University after that to major in design.

Jeff Thomas

(Dramaturg)

Jeff is a writer whom lifelong study of Shakespeare turned into a dramatura. He writes because you can put people in an enchanted wood and give yourself a donkey's head (as in A Midsummer Night's Dream) or otherwise make yourself a Fool (King Lear). He keeps coming back to Shakespeare because his plays are so endlessly rewarding, emotionally affecting, and fun. Working with the casts and directors of this year's GreenStage productions has shown Jeff more in theatre and Shakespeare than he had known of before. Previous dramaturgical credits: Last Leaf Productions/Renton Civic Theatre (Treasure Island).

Ryan John Spickard

(Fight Choreographer)

A native to the Northwest, Ryan holds a BFA from Cornish College of the Arts and is a member of the Society of American Fight Directors and the United Stuntmen's Association. As a working fight choreographer and actor in the Seattle area, Ryan has performed with various theaters such as the Seattle Shakespeare Company, Book-It Repertory Theater, GreenStage, Balagan Theater, Theater Schmeater and others. Regional Credits include work with the Idaho Shakespeare Company and the Colorado Shakespeare Company where he was nominated as best supporting comedic actor for The Comedy of Errors by the Denver Post. In 2009, along with other members of the stage combat community in Seattle, he formed Performers' Forge, a theater company dedicated to the performance and education of staged violence, of which he is currently Co-Artistic Director.

Laura Garcia

(Prop Designer)

Happy 25th Birthday GreenStage! Laura must be in love with you because she has done over 20 shows with you (she stopped counting), ever since falling for you one lovely twilight evening at Lincoln Park in 1997. Notable gigs; directing the 2002 Taming of the Shrew, Asst. Director for the Fringe Theater Festivals and Stage Manager and Props Designer on many, many GreenStage shows, including many of the extra fun and BLOODY Hard Bards. A Seattle native, she began her career in New York City, studying Directing and Acting at Herbert Berghof Studios. Her first job was working Off-Broadway at The Manhattan Theatre Club. Laura is also a proud mom of three grown and beautiful daughters, whom she adores. BUAIDH NO BAS!

Megan Duncan

(Stage Manager- Midsummer)

After finishing her freshman year at Western Washington University, Megan has decided to pursue a career in theater and film, and she is stoked to be stage managing A Midsummer Night's Dream with GreenStage this summer. Her recent theatrical endeavors include interning with Black Dog Productions – writing, directing, producing short films, assistant directing the campus cable show Western Window as well as stage managing Oklahoma, Fiddler on the Roof, and Footloose at Kitsap Forest Theater while in school. She is looking forward to her sophomore year at Western in the fall, and a new year of scripts, caffeinated choreography and productions.

Chelsea Johnson

(Stage Manager - Lear)

Chelsea Johnson (Stage Manager) is a Performance Production student at Cornish College of the Arts. She is excited to be a part of her first GreenStage production and hopes you all enjoy the show.

Kathryn Mesaros

(Stage Manager– Backyard Bard) Kathryn is excited to once again be

hanging out in the Seattle parks stage-

managing for GreenStage and Backyard Bard. Some of her favorite shows to work on have been Saving Aimee (5th Ave Theatre), Freud's Last Session (Taproot), Children of Eden (Village Theatre's KIDSTAGE), Henry V (Island Stage Left) and King John (GreenStage). She studied theatre at Whitworth University (class of '08). Lastly, she would like to say thanks to her family and friends who have always supported her.

Max Pagel

(Technical Director)

Max is excited to be working with GreenStage for their summer season! He started with GreenStage as the Properties Master for the 2012 Hard Bard show Cardenio and is excited to be working in a broader role as Technical Director for this summer's season. He is especially excited to pursue the many opportunities that the new Back Yard Bard shows present to the Seattle theatre community. You can find him working at West of Lenin (in Fremont) as their Master Electrician, and working in the PNTA rental department. Recent Properties Designs include The Understudy, Santaland Diaries, The Best Christmas Pageant Ever at Seattle Public Theatre, and Dracula with The Bathhouse Ensemble.

Chris Garland

(Tour Manager – Lear)

Chris is extremely proud to be spending his third season with GreenStage - whom he considers his second family. Chris has been busy, recently having joined Book-It Repertory as the audio engineer/ board operator for Anna Karenina, Huck Finn: Uncensored, and most recently The Financial Lives of Poets. You can also find Chris' name on his favorite shows, the two recent Hard Bards –The Revenger's Tragedy and Cardenio – as the sound designer. But he'd rather be nowhere else than in the parks, right now, with some of his favorite people. Because this is truly what he loves.

Johannah O'Halloran

(Tour Manager - Midsummer) Johannah is a recent college graduate whose love of Shakespeare's plays has endured since she was quite young. She is enthusiastic about supporting greater accessibility of theatre in general and Shakespeare's work in particular in any way she can.

Liam Enns

(House Manager - Midsummer)

James (Liam) is thankful to be involved in a sixth year of GreenStage productions. He has worked with the company under different titles including house manager, stage manager, and blood wrangler. He is a recent graduate of Western Washington University where he studied History and Political Science with an emphasis in International Relations. Go see a play!

Erin Mettling

(House Manager - Lear)

Erin is beyond thrilled to be helping with King Lear this summer. Shakespeare holds a warm place in her heart, and she's excited to have this experience. Literature...Theatre...Words (written, spoken, or rarely used): all speak to her soul and are relevant to her interests. Erin has worked on shows in high school and undergrad, but this is the first production she has been part of since moving to Seattle, and she thanks Amelia for thinking of her for the job. Erin dreams to one day be a librarian for a theatre company. Her eye is on the Globe!

GREENSTAGEE STAFF

Erin Day

(Artistic Director) See Production Team bios

Ken Holmes

(Managing Director)

Ken is an actor, director, graphic designer, photographer, and proud father. He has been working with GreenStage since 1993, and with the company has acted in many shows, directed a few, built sets, made props, painted floors, planned seasons, written checks and filled out grant applications and tax forms. Ken has also appeared at several other theaters in Seattle, and also works as a freelance graphic designer and photographer.

Marc "Mok" Moser

(Backyard Bard Director) See Production Team bios

Eve Hammond

(Education Director)

For over 20 years, Eve has directed, educated and taught Theatre Arts and Integrative Arts throughout the Seattle/ Mercer Island/Bothell and Woodinville area schools and theatres. Working for Seattle Children's Theatre, Youth Theatre Northwest and both Northshore and Seattle School Districts, she created and managed student theatre companies serving families with multiple ranges of kids from preschool to college. She was Education Coordinator for the Washington Shakespeare Company in Olympia, WA, and helped to implement their popular "Apprentice" program in which high school actors and technicians worked alongside adults in "real world" theatre experiences. She was also Artistic Director of Vagabond Productions and Northshore Neworks Youth Theatre as well as being on the Washington State Board of Education teams for creating and implementing theatre arts standards to all teachers. She has a lovely husband and two talented and creative kids plus a doa and assorted cats. She loves her clan full of friends and looks forward to bringing her enthusiasm for teaching Shakespeare to young people through the open door of GreenStage.

Greg Scheiderer

(Marketing Director)

Greg is a theatre fan, and in addition to serving as marketing director for GreenStage is a member and past president of the board at Balagan Theatre. At Balagan he played "The Mayor" in the opening performance of Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog in 2010, which fortunately did not harm attendance at following shows! In addition to theatre Greg enjoys stargazing and writes the blog SeattleAstronomy.com. He also enjoys baseball, music, writing, reading, gardening, and wine. He and his wife Cynthia live in West Seattle where they run Scheiderer Partners, a strategic communication and public affairs consulting firm. He has more than 30 vears of experience in journalism, media relations, public relations, and public policy advocacy.

Michelle Rodriguez

(Production Manager)

Michelle is happy to be back for another summer in the parks. This is her fourth time working with GreenStage and the first year as Production Manager. In years past she has stage managed for GreenStage on Taming of the Shrew (2012), Hamlet (2008) and Richard III (2007). Since receiving her BA in theatre at the University of Southern California in 2006, she has worked at theatres in and around Los Angeles, Portland, and Seattle. Local haunts include Burien Little Theatre, Centerstage Theatre Arts Conservatory, ReAct, SecondStory Repertory, and Taproot Theatre. She would like to thank her wonderful husband, Thomas, and her adorable puppy, Fergie, for their considerable awesomeness.

Amelia Meckler

(Company Manager)

Amelia also works as an actor, director, stage manager and voice-over artist. After graduating with a BFA in Theater Performance from Hofstra University in New York, Amelia moved to Seattle and began working with GreenStage as a Stage Manager for *Richard II*. Since then, she has acted in many shows with GreenStage, as well as directed Squish!, Merchant of Venice and Twelfth Night. Amelia spent time in the early 2000's on the GreenStage Board of Directors as President and Treasurer, and is very happy to be settled into her staff role of company manager, managing talent and casting. She has also worked with several other Seattle theaters such as Theater Schmeater, Balagan, Macha Monkey, Taproot and others. Amelia believes live theater is a vital part of community and the human condition. Go see a play.

Meredith Armstrong

(Facilities Manager) See King Lear bios



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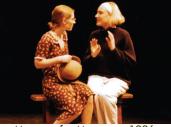
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