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## Studio East and Kirkland Performance Center Bring Back the Kirkland Community Musical with *The Music Man*

## The Music Man March 9-16, 2019 - at Kirkland Performance Center

**KIRKLAND, WA**— Studio East and Kirkland Performance Center are excited to team up to bring back the Kirkland Community Musical. *The Music Man* runs March 9, 10, 15 & 16 with a total of six performances.

Meredith Willson's *The Music Man* follows the story of Harold Hill, a traveling con man, who arrives in River City. He convinces the locals to start a band by purchasing the uniforms and instruments from him. His intention is to flee as soon as he receives the money. Librarian Marion Paroo suspects Harold is a fraud, but holds her tongue since her moody brother, Winthrop, is excited about the band. As Harold begins to develop feelings for Marian, he faces a difficult decision about skipping town.

The Kirkland Community Musical is made up of 39 talented performers, many of whom are Kirkland residents, including Noel Barbuto (Harold Hill) and Savannah Lynn (Marion Paroo). David Bander, KPC Managing Director and co-producer of the show, says, "We hope to make this an annual event and look forward to furthering our partnership with Studio East."

**The Music Man** has a running time of 2 hours, plus an intermission. Adult tickets are \$39, while youth tickets are \$24. Tickets can be purchased <u>HERE</u>. All performances are at Kirkland Performance Center located at 350 Kirkland Ave. Performances are March 9 at 2pm & 7pm, March 10 at 2pm, March 15 at 7pm, and March 16 at 2pm & 7pm.

## **About Studio East**

Studio East Training for the Performing Arts was founded in 1992 to provide theater arts education for young people on the Eastside. It was founded on the belief that through the performing arts children can build confidence, and acquire leadership and teamwork skills while learning discipline, dedication and responsibility. Starting with one theater program for teens, Studio East has become one of the largest children's theater training programs in the Seattle area. Studio East also produces StoryBook Theater, an adult professional touring troupe that introduces young children to live theater at venues throughout the Puget Sound area. Today, Studio East serves over 70,000 people annually with a comprehensive program of drama classes, theater arts camps, Mainstage productions and live performances for children from ages 3 through 19.