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## **Studio East Launches its 25<sup>th</sup> Year of Summer Theater Camps and *Footloose* Takes the Stage as the Teen Summer Musical at Kirkland Performance Center**

***Summer Theater Camps June 25 - August 31 – Kirkland & Bellevue* (ages 4-19)  
*Footloose July 28 – August 5 – Kirkland* (best for ages 8+)**

**KIRKLAND, WA**– Studio East launches its 25<sup>th</sup> year of summer theater camps on the Eastside. Starting as young as 4 years old up to age 19, these camps range from one-week story creation camps to two-week musical productions. Skills-based camps and performance camps are taught by professionals in the theater industry. These camps are a great chance for campers to get a taste of theater, learn something new, make new friends and further their theater pursuits.

Summer camps begin June 25<sup>th</sup> and run through August 31<sup>st</sup>. All venues are located within five miles of Kirkland. Before and after care is available for most camps. Visit [www.studio-east.org/summer-camps](http://www.studio-east.org/summer-camps) to learn more.

In July and August, Studio East presents their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary season finale with the exhilarating musical, *Footloose!* Based on the 1984 film, this musical follows an eccentric teenager as he moves to a small middle-American town where dance is forbidden. He rallies a gang of friends to help him defy the town and create a true rock'n'roll prom.

Studio East's Annual Summer Musical features an incredible group of teen actors as well as several Studio alumni local audiences might recognize. Nominated for four Tony Awards, *Footloose* combines a bold and yet heart-warming story with irresistible song and dance numbers. Famous for its songs "Footloose/On Any Sunday" and "Holding Out for a Hero", *Footloose* combines songs from the movie soundtrack, which reached number one on Billboard charts, with energetic new songs set for the stage. This dynamic musical ultimately celebrates young people – their sincerity, their charisma, and their bold approach to life.

*Footloose* is recommended for ages 8+ and has a running time of approximately 2 hours with intermission. Adult tickets are \$20, while youth under 21 and seniors 65+ are \$16. All performances are at Kirkland Performance Center, located at 350 Kirkland Ave in Kirkland. Performances run July 28 – August 5, with the following show times:

- Saturday, July 28 – 2:30PM, 7:30PM
- Sunday, July 29 – 2:30PM
- Saturday, August 4 – 2:30PM, 7:30PM

- Sunday, August 5 – 2:30PM

**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.