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**Studio East presents a Neverland Origin Story along
with the well-loved Peter Pan, while StoryBook
Theater presents an Original Adaptation of a Favorite
Fairy Tale**

***Peter and the Starcatcher* March 22 – April 6, 2019 – in Kirkland (best for ages 9+)**

***The Princess & the Pea* April 13 – May 19, 2019 – in Renton, Kirkland,**

Shoreline, Fremont, Everett (best for ages 3+)

***Peter Pan* May 24 – June 16, 2019 – in Kirkland (best for ages 5+)**

KIRKLAND, WA– This spring, **Studio East** presents *Peter and the Starcatcher*, a Peter Pan origin story, followed by the highly-acclaimed musical, *Peter Pan*, which will debut in May. **StoryBook Theater** presents their adaptation to the classic fairytale, *The Princess & the Pea*, in April.

Studio East's ***Peter and the Starcatcher*** introduces Molly, a starcatcher-in-training, and an orphan boy, who is longing for a home. They embark on the adventure of a lifetime to protect a precious cargo. In this Tony Award-winning, magical and hilarious play with music, actors play more than 100 unforgettable characters. *Peter & the Starcatcher* uses ingenious stagecraft and the limitless possibilities of imagination to finally reveal the origins of Peter Pan, Wendy, the Lost Boys, their piratical nemesis, Captain Hook, and a far-off place known as Neverland.

Peter & the Starcatcher is recommended for ages 9+ and has a running time of 2 hours, plus an intermission. Adult tickets are \$19, while students and seniors are \$17. Tickets can be purchased at www.studio-east.org. All performances are at the Studio East Mainstage Theater located at 11730 118th Ave NE in Kirkland. Performances run March 22 – April 6, on Fridays at 7:30pm and Saturdays at 2:30pm and 7:30pm.

In May and June, Studio East continues the Neverland stories with the well-loved ***Peter Pan***. In this musical, Peter and his mischievous fairy sidekick, Tinkerbelle, visit the nursery of the

Darling children late one night and, with a sprinkle of pixie dust, begin a magical journey across the stars that none of them will ever forget. In the adventure of a lifetime, the travelers come face to face with a ticking crocodile, a fierce band of warriors, a band of bungling pirates and, of course, the villainous Captain Hook. Peter Pan is the perfect show for the child in all of us who dreams of soaring high and never growing up.

Peter Pan is recommended for ages 5+ and has a running time of approximately 2 hours with intermission. Adult tickets are \$19, while students and seniors are \$17. Tickets can be purchased at www.studio-east.org. All performances are at the Studio East Mainstage Theater located at 11730 118th Ave NE in Kirkland. Performances run May 24 – June 16, with performances on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30pm and Saturdays and Sundays at 2:30pm.

Finally, StoryBook Theater debuts their original musical adaptation of ***The Princess & the Pea***. In this show for young audiences, we meet Prince Derek, a young prince who needs to marry a princess. He meets many princesses, but only one whom he really loves. But will the Queen let her son marry the girl, even though she doesn't look like a typical princess? With catchy songs and lots of humor, this show will explore what defines a real princess and what it means to follow your heart.

The Princess & the Pea is recommended for ages 3+ and has a running time of 55 minutes. Tickets are \$15 (including service fees) and can be purchased at www.storybooktheater.org or (425) 820-1800. Tickets for Kirkland performances can be purchased at kpcenter.org or (425) 893-9900. The local, professional cast will perform at the following venues:

Renton Carco Theatre: April 13 @ 11am & 1:30pm*, April 14 @ 11am & 1pm; **Shoreline Conference Center:** April 27 @ 11am & 1:30pm*; **Hales Palladium in Seattle-Fremont:** April 28 @ 11am, 1pm, 3pm; **Kirkland Performance Center:** May 4 @ 11am, 1pm & 3:30pm*; May 5 @ 11am, 1pm & 3pm**; May 11 @ 11am, 1pm & 3pm; May 12 @ 11am, 1pm & 3pm. (Single tickets for Kirkland shows are only available from KPcenter.org.) **May 5 shows are ASL interpreted. **Everett PUD Auditorium:** May 19 @ 11am, 1pm & 3:30pm* (*Sensory-friendly performances)

About Studio East and StoryBook Theater

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.