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Studio East presents the well-loved *Peter Pan* and launches its annual Summer Theater Camps, while *Les Misérables* Takes the Stage as the Annual Summer Teen Musical at Kirkland Performance Center

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

Summer Camps June 24 – August 30, 2019 – in Kirkland & Bellevue (ages 4-19)

Les Misérables July 26 – August 4, 2019 – in Kirkland (best for ages 10+)

KIRKLAND, WA– Studio East closes out its 2018-19 Mainstage season with *Peter Pan the Musical* in May and June, followed by the launch of its Summer Camps in Kirkland and Bellevue. Finally, *Les Misérables* shows at Kirkland Performance Center in July and August as the Summer Teen Musical.

On May 24th, Studio East opens the magical ***Peter Pan***. In this musical, Peter and his mischievous fairy sidekick, Tinkerbell, 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.

The end of June brings with it the 26th year of Studio East's **Summer Theater Camps**, an annual tradition for many local families. 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 24th and run through August 30th. All venues are located in Kirkland and Bellevue. Extended care is available for most camps. Visit www.studio-east.org/summer-camps for a full schedule and registration.

In July and August, Studio East's 22nd Annual Summer Teen Musical presents ***Les Misérables***, the epic musical of social injustice and the struggle for redemption and revolution in 19th century France. *Les Misérables* is the story of Jean Valjean, a French peasant, and his desire for redemption after serving 19 years in jail for having stolen a loaf of bread for his sister's starving child. Join 50+ teens as they sing their hearts out in this epic story that has as much relevance today as it did in centuries past.

Les Misérables is recommended for ages 10+ 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 26 – August 4, with the following show times:

- Friday, July 26 – 7:30pm
- Saturday, July 27 – 7:30PM
- Sunday, July 28 – 2:30PM
- Friday, August 2 – 7:30pm
- Saturday, August 3 – 7:30PM
- Sunday, August 4 – 2:30PM

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.