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Studio East & StoryBook Theater Present *Seussical & a New Adaptation of *Beauty & the Beast* this Fall*

Seussical the Musical October 18 – Nov 3, 2019 – **Kirkland** (best for ages 4+)
Beauty & the Beast October 26 – December 21, 2019 – **Renton, Bellevue, Kirkland, Everett, Shoreline, Fremont** (best for ages 3+)

KIRKLAND, WA– Studio East and **StoryBook Theater** begin their new seasons with two fall shows sure to delight a variety of theater goers. Audiences will enjoy Studio East's **Seussical the Musical**, an energetic production that brings together all of your favorite Dr. Seuss characters, and StoryBook Theater's **Beauty & the Beast**, a 55-minute musical adaption of the classic story.

StoryBook Theater has captivated audiences for over two decades with original musicals for 3-9 year olds and their families. In October, they are excited to bring **Beauty & the Beast** to stages throughout the Puget Sound. In this new musical version, a bad-mannered Prince is turned into a Beast, and in order to break the spell, he must learn to be grateful, kind, and gracious. And most importantly, he must find someone to love him for who he is, both inside and out.

Tickets to **Beauty & the Beast** are \$15 (including service fees) and can be purchased at www.storybooktheater.org or (425) 820-1800. The local, professional cast will perform at the following venues:

Kirkland Performance Center: Saturday, Oct 26 @ 11am, 1pm & 3pm, Oct 27 @ 11am, 1pm, Dec 15* @ 11am, 1pm & 3pm, Dec 21 @ 11am, 1pm & 3pm (*December 15 performances are ASL Interpreted for the Deaf)

Shoreline Conference Center: Saturday, Nov 9 @ 11am

Hales Palladium in Seattle-Fremont: Sunday, Nov 10 @ 11am, 1pm & 3pm

Everett PUD Auditorium: Sunday, Nov 17 @ 11am, 1pm

Renton Carco Theatre: Saturday, Dec 7 @ 11am, Sunday, Dec 8 @ 11am, 1pm

Sensory-friendly shows will be Oct 27 @ 3:30pm (Kirkland), Nov 9 @ 1:30pm (Shoreline), Nov 17 @ 3:30pm (Everett), and Dec 7 @ 1:30pm (Renton).

Studio East is excited to begin their 27th season with the musical extravaganza, ***Seussical the Musical***. From Tony Award-winning composers Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty, *Seussical* bursts onto the stage with beloved characters including Horton the Elephant, the Cat in the Hat, Gertrude McFuzz, and more. In this smorgasbord of Seuss stories, audiences will journey from the Jungle of Nool to the Circus McGurkus with songs such as "Oh, The Thinks You Can Think," "Amazing Mayzie," and "Here On Who." Studio East students ages 9-19 will perform this musical.

The show is recommended for ages 4+ and has a running time of approximately 2 hours with intermission. Adult tickets are \$19, while students and seniors are \$17, and they can be purchased at www.studio-east.org or (425) 820-1800. All performances are at the Studio East Mainstage Theater located at 11730 118th Ave NE in Kirkland. Performances run October 18 – November 3, 2019, with the following show times:

Friday, October 18 @ 7:30pm (GALA at 6:30pm)
Saturday, October 19 @ 2:30pm & 7:30pm (GALA at 6:30pm)
Sunday, October 20 @ 2:30pm
Friday, October 25 @ 7:30pm
Saturday, October 26 @ 2:30 & 7:30pm
Sunday, October 27 @ 2:30pm
Friday, November 1 @ 7:30pm
Saturday, November 2 @ 2:30pm & 7:30pm
Sunday, November 3 @ 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.