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Studio East & Kirkland Performance Center Present *Mamma Mia!* as this year's Eastside Community Musical

***Mamma Mia* February 7-16, 2020 – at Kirkland Performance Center**

KIRKLAND, WA– Studio East and Kirkland Performance Center are joining forces again to present Catherine Johnson's beloved musical classic, *Mamma Mia!* This Eastside Community Musical will run February 7, 8, 14, 15 & 16 with a total of six performances

Mamma Mia! follows the story of Sophie, a young girl living in Greece, who is in search of a father she has never met. She invites three men that she discovers in her mother's diary and believes to be candidates. When they arrive, Sophie's mother, Donna, becomes distressed. As Sophie, her fiancée Sky, Donna, her friends, and the three potential fathers prepare for Sophie's wedding, emotions run high and surprises abound.

Studio East and Kirkland Performance Center are thrilled to co-produce this production, after a wonderful collaboration last March with *The Music Man*. After an outstanding turnout of 90 people for auditions in December, the artistic team (Director Lani Brockman, Musical Director David Duvall, and Choreographer Karen Omahen) cast 40 talented performers, 32 of which are Eastside residents. The production includes Rachel Kuenzi as Sophie and Shoshauna Mohlman as Donna.

The well-loved production is a jukebox musical written by British playwright Catherine Johnson, based on the songs of ABBA, composed by Benny Andersson and Björn Ulvaeus, former members of the band.

Mamma Mia! has a running time of 2 hours, plus an intermission. Adult tickets are \$34, while senior tickets are \$31 and youth tickets are \$24. Tickets can be purchased [HERE](#). All performances are at Kirkland Performance Center located at 350 Kirkland Ave. Performances are February 7 at 7pm, February 8 at 7pm, February 14 at 7pm, February 15 at 2pm & 7pm, and February 16 at 2pm.

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 is the home of 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 60,000 people annually with a comprehensive program of drama classes, theater arts camps, Mainstage productions and live performances for children from ages 3 through 19.

About Kirkland Performance Center

Centrally located in the heart of Kirkland, Kirkland Performance Center is the ideal venue for a truly memorable experience. It was founded in 1998 with the mission to provide a gathering place where people could come together to express themselves creatively, exchange ideas, share culture, and connect with one another. Driven by the community and local business leaders, KPC's theater boasts a spacious, 394 seat venue, where many gather for music, theater, spoken word, lectures, and more. Learn more about KPC [here](#).