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Studio East Presents *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* and a Shakespeare Tragicomedy this Winter, while StoryBook Theater presents the musical adaptation of *Little Red*

***You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* January 31 – February 9, 2020 - Kirkland**
(best for ages 5+)

***Little Red* February 1 – March 21, 2020 – Renton, Bellevue, Kirkland, Everett, Shoreline, Fremont** (best for ages 3+)

***The Tempest* February 28 – March 1, 2020 – Kirkland** (best for ages 9+)

KIRKLAND, WA– Studio East begins 2020 with a musical based on the beloved Peanuts characters from Charles Schultz, and *The Tempest*, a well-known Shakespeare tragicomedy (elements of both tragedy and comedy), while **StoryBook Theater** starts the new year with *Little Red*, a famous fairytale adapted into a musical with a spunky, rollerblading Red.

Studio East's ***You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*** includes 30 students playing the beloved characters of Charlie Brown, Linus, Lucy and more. This musical allows audiences to experience a day in the life of the Peanuts Gang as they ride the roller coaster of life, with all its ups and downs. As the drama unfolds, important life lessons are shared through clever, heart-warming and hilarious wisdom.

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown is recommended for ages 5+ and has a running time of 90 minutes, 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 January 31 – February 9, on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30pm and Saturdays and Sundays at 2:30pm. The January 31 and February 1 evening shows begin at 6:30pm with appetizers, drinks and dessert before the show for a special ticket price.

At the end of February, Studio East opens Shakespeare's ***The Tempest*** with director Simon Pringle. In this tragicomedy, Prospero, the Duke of Milan, usurped of his position and power,

is banished to a magical island. For twelve years, Prospero waits and hones his magical skills, until a ship appears on the horizon full of his past enemies. Creating a magical storm, he wrecks the vessel and washes those that have wronged him upon the shore. When they wake, they find themselves lost on the fantastical island where nothing is as it seems. In this production of *The Tempest* the worlds of Shakespeare's play and fantasy roleplaying collide, with Prospero at the center as our Game Master. Does absolute power rest in his hands, or is fate determined by the roll of the dice.

The Tempest is recommended for ages 9+ 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 February 28 – March 1, with the following show times: February 28 at 7:30pm, March 1 @ 2:30pm & 7:30pm, and March 2 @ 2:30pm. The February 28 show begins at 6:30pm with appetizers, drinks and dessert before the show for a special ticket price.

Finally, StoryBook Theater opens its first musical of 2020 for young audiences, ***Little Red***, on February 1. *Little Red* tells the story of a spirited girl and the "friends" she makes along the way to Granny's house. In this musical adaptation, Red encounters a hungry Wolf and a zealous Hunter, and learns a valuable life lesson about friendship and working together.

Tickets to *Little Red* 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:

Renton Carco Theatre: Saturday, Feb 1 @ 11am, Sunday, Feb 2 @ 11am, 1pm

Kirkland Performance Center: Saturday, Feb 8 @ 11am, 1pm & 3pm, Feb 9 @ 11am, 1pm, Feb 22* @ 11am, 1pm & 3pm, Feb 23 @ 11am, 1pm & 3pm (*February 22 performances are ASL Interpreted for the Deaf)

Hales Palladium in Seattle-Fremont: Saturday, March 7 @ 11am, 1pm & 3pm

Everett PUD Auditorium: Sunday, March 8 @ 11am, 1pm

Shoreline Conference Center: Saturday, March 21 @ 11am

Sensory-friendly shows will be Feb 1 @ 2:30pm (Renton), Feb 9 @ 3:30pm (Kirkland), Mar 8 @ 3:30pm (Everett), and Mar 21 @ 1:30pm (Shoreline). Special ticket price: \$7

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 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.