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Studio East & StoryBook Theater Bring Families Together with Two Live Musical Holiday Traditions

***'Twas the Night...* November 25 – December 17, 2017 – Kirkland (best for ages 4+)**
***The Elves & the Toymakers* December 2 - 19, 2017 – Renton, Kirkland, Shoreline, Fremont (best for ages 3+)**

KIRKLAND, WA– Studio East and **StoryBook Theater** bring the spirit of the holiday season to life with favorites, *'Twas the Night...* and *The Elves & the Toymakers*. Audiences of all ages will enjoy both of these live theater musicals that have become annual traditions for families of the Eastside.

Now in its 17th run at Studio East, ***'Twas the Night*** promises to be as hilarious and entertaining as ever. We all know the familiar holiday poem, but this show takes a whole new spin with reindeer dressed like chorus girls, singing mice, and a troupe of Victorian carolers. There's even an audience sing-a-long to keep everyone on their toes, and of course Santa Claus himself makes an appearance. Every year, Studio East adds more surprises, more hilarity and more mischief that the whole family will enjoy.

'Twas the Night is recommended for ages 4+ and has a running time of 90 minutes, plus an intermission. All tickets are \$20 and 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 Nov. 25 – Dec. 17, Sat/Sun @ 11am, 2pm, and 5pm.

StoryBook Theater continues its holiday tradition with ***The Elves & the Toymakers***, a delightful musical about the spirit of giving. It's the holiday season, and the Toymakers have been working hard to get toys ready to give to boys and girls everywhere. But the morning they are to be delivered, the Toymakers discover all the toys have disappeared. Can two spunky Elves save the day? This musical will also continue another StoryBook tradition, a toy drive for Hopelink. Audience members can bring a new, unwrapped toy and participate in the toy parade on stage during the show.

The Elves & the Toymakers is recommended for ages 3+ and has a running time of 55 minutes. Tickets are \$18 (including service fees) and can be purchased at www.storybooktheater.org or (425) 820-1800. Kirkland performances can be purchased at kpcenter.org or (425) 893-9900. The local, professional cast will perform at the following venues:

Shoreline Conference Center: Saturday, December 2 @ 11am

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

Renton Carco Theater: Saturday, December 9 @ 11am & 1pm

Kirkland Performance Center: Sunday, December 10* and 17 @ 11am, 1pm & 3pm; Saturday, December 16 @ 11am, 1pm & 3pm; Tuesday, December 19 @ 11am, 1pm & 3pm (Single tickets for Kirkland shows are only available from KPCenter.org.) *December 10th shows are ASL interpreted.

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.