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## **A Fairy Tale Smorgasbord, a Children's Book Series Brought to Life, and a Princess with a Dream Hit the Stage this Spring at Studio East & StoryBook Theater**

*Into the Woods* March 16 - March 31, 2018 – Kirkland (best for ages 9+)

*Hello, Mrs. Piggle Wiggle!* May 18 - June 10, 2018 – Kirkland (best for ages 5+)

*Rapunzel* April 21 - May 20 – Renton, Kirkland, Everett, Shoreline and Fremont (best for ages 3+)

**KIRKLAND, WA– Studio East** and **StoryBook Theater** have three shows sure to delight a variety of theater goers this spring. The youngest audiences, and their parents, will enjoy StoryBook Theater's 55-minute, fun-loving musical adaptation of **Rapunzel**. For older audiences, Studio East presents **Into the Woods**, the Tony award-winning fairy tale epic. And finally, the whole family will enjoy the musical comedy, **Hello, Mrs. Piggle Wiggle!**, based on the classic children's books by Betty MacDonald.

StoryBook Theater is closing out its 20<sup>th</sup> season with a favorite of many young audience members, **Rapunzel**. The hair-oine in this story has big dreams, and neither her long, rainbow locks of hair nor large locks on towers will keep her from chasing after them. Full of audience interaction and catchy tunes, this 55-minute musical is perfect for theater goers ages 3+.

Tickets to **Rapunzel** are \$15 (including service fees) and can be purchased at [www.storybooktheater.org](http://www.storybooktheater.org) or (425) 820-1800. Tickets for Kirkland performances can be purchased at [kpcenter.org](http://kpcenter.org) or (425) 893-9900. The local, professional cast will perform at the following venues:

**Renton Carco Theatre:** April 21<sup>st</sup> @ 11am, April 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 11am, 1pm, 3pm

**Kirkland Performance Center:** April 28<sup>th</sup>, May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> @ 11am, 1pm, 3pm and April 29<sup>th</sup> @ 11am (Single tickets for Kirkland shows are only available from [KPcenter.org](http://KPcenter.org).)

\*May 6th performances are ASL Interpreted for the Deaf

**Everett PUD Auditorium:** May 13<sup>th</sup> @ 11am, 1pm

**Shoreline Conference Center:** May 19<sup>th</sup> @ 11am

**Hales Palladium in Seattle-Fremont:** May 20<sup>th</sup> @ 11am, 1pm, 3pm

In March, Studio East will put on *Into the Woods*, the lively, irreverent fantasy musical that combines all of your favorite fairy tales. When a Baker and his Wife learn they've been cursed with childlessness by the Witch next door, they embark on a quest required to break the spell. Packed with vibrant characters including Cinderella, Little Red, Jack and Rapunzel, this musical will have you on the edge of your seat.

The show is recommended for ages 9+ and has a running time of approximately 2 hours with intermission. Adult tickets are \$19, students and seniors are \$17, and gala tickets are \$22. All shows are performed by student casts at the Studio East Mainstage Theater, located at 11730 118th Ave NE in Kirkland. Performances run March 16 – March 31, with performances on Fridays at 7:30pm, Saturdays at 2:30pm and 7:30pm, and Sundays at 2:30pm. Please note there will be two special gala shows that start at 6:30pm on March 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

In the spring, the silly, imaginative Mrs. Piggle Wiggle will take the Studio Mainstage. *Hello, Mrs. Piggle Wiggle!* is based on the hilarious, magical stories of Mrs. Piggle Wiggle, her upside down house, her pirate husband, and her parrot, Penelope. Full of rousing song and dance numbers, parents and children alike will appreciate the comedy and music.

The show is recommended for ages 5+ and has a running time of approximately 2 hours with intermission. Adult tickets are \$19, students and seniors are \$17, and gala tickets are \$22. All shows are performed by student casts at the Studio East Mainstage Theater located at 11730 118th Ave NE in Kirkland. Performances run May 18 – June 10, with performances on Fridays at 7:30pm, Saturdays at 2:30pm and 7:30pm, and Sundays at 2:30pm. Please note there will be two special gala shows that start at 6:30pm on May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **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.