

Village Theatre

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CELEBRATE THE “LULLABY OF BROADWAY” AT VILLAGE THEATRE

42ND STREET OPENS MAY 13 IN ISSAQUAH

ISSAQUAH and EVERTT, WA – Village Theatre produces the most celebrated backstage musical story of our time, *42ND STREET*, opening in May. This production will have one preview performance in Issaquah on Wednesday, May 12, and will officially open the following day, running May 13-July 2, 2010 in downtown Issaquah, and July 9-August 1, 2010 in downtown Everett.

Award winning director/choreographer Steve Tomkins teams up with co-choreographer Kristin Culp to stage the most extravagant production of Village Theatre’s 30th Anniversary Season. *42ND STREET* is packed with large scale dance numbers that utilize this team of choreographer’s impeccable ability to bring the life and style of *42ND STREET* to brilliant life. “*42ND STREET* is quite simply the ultimate in backstage musicals,” director Steve Tomkins commented. “In fact, it’s Hollywood’s version of a backstage musical in that it’s based on the 1933 film. The story takes you into the world of theatre from behind-the-scenes and allows you to experience the magic of Broadway from every angle.”

Boasting a largely local cast of 26, Village Theatre has put together an all-star design team with scenic design by Bob Dahlstrom (*Show Boat*); lighting design by Aaron Copp (*Meet Me in St. Louis*); costume design by Melanie Burgess (*Chasing Nicolette*, *Stunt Girl*); co-musical direction by resident music director Tim Symons (*Meet Me in St. Louis*) and Bruce Monroe (*Show Boat*); sound design by resident sound designer Gino Scarpino (*The Gypsy King*).

Pre-production photos will be available online after May 3, 2010. For more information or to schedule individual interviews, please contact Michelle Sanders, Communications Manager at (425) 392-1942 x124 or msanders@villagetheatre.org.

42ND STREET Synopsis:

A musical super-hit brimming with dazzling synchronized tap-dance and snappy tunes closes out Village Theatre’s 30th Anniversary Season. Ingénue Peggy Sawyer, fresh from Pennsylvania, gets her big break in New

York when the star of the show is injured in rehearsal. Watch as dreams come true in this glorious, Tony-award winning, musical celebration of Broadway. Tap along to your favorite musical numbers with "We're in the Money," "Shuffle Off to Buffalo," and "Lullaby of Broadway."

What: *42nd Street*
Music by Harry Warren
Lyrics by Al Dubin
Book by Michael Stewart & Mark Bramble

Where: **In Issaquah:** Francis J. Gaudette Theatre
303 Front Street North
Issaquah, WA 98027

In Everett: Everett Performing Arts Center
2710 Wetmore Avenue
Everett, WA 98201

When: **Issaquah Dates:** May 13-July 3, 2010 – **ON SALE NOW**
Wednesdays through Saturdays: 8:00 PM
Saturdays and Sundays: 2:00 PM
Selected Tuesdays: 7:30 PM
Selected Sundays: 7:00 PM

Everett Dates: July 9-August 1, 2010 – **ON SALE: 5/5/10**
Wednesdays through Saturdays: 8:00 PM
Saturdays and Sundays: 2:00 PM
Selected Sundays: 7:00 PM

Tickets: **Issaquah:**
\$19-\$59, Box Office (425) 392-2202 or (866) 688-8049
Everett:
\$17-\$52, Box Office (425) 257-8600 or (888) 257-3722
www.villagetheatre.org
Student & Military Rush: ½ price 30 minutes prior to curtain for any available seat. Group discounts available for groups of 10 or more.

About Village Theatre

Based in Issaquah, WA, with operations in Everett, Village Theatre is a leading producer of musical theatre in the Pacific Northwest. Producing entertaining quality productions for the entire family since 1979, Village Theatre has grown into one of the region's best-attended Equity theatres, with over 18,000 Subscribers and 170,000 projected total attendance each season. Through its Village Originals program, Village Theatre is nationally recognized for its contribution to the development of new musicals, having launched over 80 new works to date. Village Theatre also takes pride in nurturing tomorrow's audiences through its youth education programs, Pied Piper and KIDSTAGE, serving over 54,000 young people, families, and schools annually.

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