

# Village Theatre

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **EVERETT YOUTH EDUCATION CENTER COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE EVENT**

### **Tour The New Space, Free Classes Offered to Young People**

**What:** Village Theatre Everett Youth Education Center Community Open House

**Where:** 2730 Wetmore Avenue, Everett

**When:** Saturday, October 1, 2011  
3:00-6:00 PM

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**Everett, Wash.** – Join Village Theatre and celebrate the opening of the Everett Youth Education Center at 2370 Wetmore Avenue in downtown Everett, directly across from the Everett Performing Arts Center, on Saturday, October 1 from 3:00-6:00 PM.

On the day of the event, Village Theatre is excited to offer young people the opportunity to engage in a number of FREE theatre-specific activities including:

- Theatre Classes, provided by Village Theatre KIDSTAGE
- Dance Classes, provided by The Dance School
- Craft activities, provided by Imagine Children's Museum
- Pied Piper Page to Stage Storytime, provided by Village Theatre Pied Piper
- Face-painting and costume shop dress up, provided by Village Theatre KIDSTAGE

Community Open House attendees can tour the new space, gather information about all the programs involved—KIDSTAGE, Pied Piper, The Dance School, Imagine Children's Museum, and The Cocoon House—and partake in the FREE Milk n' Cookie bar compliments of Village Theatre Pied Piper.

Please find the schedule of free classes offered for young people at the Community Open House below:

3:30-4:00 PM Exploratory Acting Workshop (Village Theatre KIDSTAGE)

4:00-4:30 PM Youth Dance Ballet Class (The Dance School)

4:30-5:00 PM Teen Improv Workshop (Village Theatre KIDSTAGE)

5:00-5:30 PM Teen/Adult Dance Class (The Dance School)

5:30-6:00 PM Yoga Workshop (The Dance School)

**About the Everett Youth Education Center:**

Village Theatre's KIDSTAGE, which is housed in the Everett Performing Arts Center, is bursting at the seams. Currently, the Everett KIDSTAGE program serves over 1,100 students a year with its after school classes, summer camps, and productions. This represents virtually a 100% increase in enrollment and participation in just three years. With the opening of the Everett Youth Education Center, KIDSTAGE will be able to serve an additional 450 students per year, as well as free up space at the Everett Performing Arts Center for the city's ever-expanding community and culture needs.

For more information about Village Theatre current Capital Campaign, visit:

[http://villagetheatre.org/capital\\_campaign.php](http://villagetheatre.org/capital_campaign.php)

**About Village Theatre KIDSTAGE:**

KIDSTAGE is uniquely designed to use theatre to build critical life skills in each participant. In KIDSTAGE classes and rehearsals, our techniques encourage creativity, collaboration, problem solving, concentration, public speaking, and a strong work ethic. While some students are on a path to Broadway, all students are improving their futures and increasing self-confidence through involvement in KIDSTAGE, Village Theatre Institute, and our Teen Apprenticeship Program.

**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 183,000 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 90 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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