

Village Theatre

KIDSTAGE

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RIVAL CLIQUES COLLIDE IN KIDSTAGE'S PRODUCTION OF HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

Everett, WA – Village Theatre's KIDSTAGE SummerStock produces HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL, August 13-22, 2010 at the Everett Performing Arts Center.

In the KIDSTAGE SummerStock program, after a rigorous audition process, over 40 young people have the opportunity to join together to perform on the Mainstage. SummerStock is the perfect answer for the passionate performer looking to stay happy and very busy in the summer months. Their musical experience is fully directed and designed by theatre professionals and features a live orchestra, beautiful sets, costumes, lighting, and sound.

Given the 49 student cast, director Jessica Low has taken some artistic liberties with HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL that compliment the storyline and the show experience. "Choreography was a big point for us. There are a lot of songs in this show that require dancing or some form of staged movement," Low commented. "In creating the choreography it was very important to my assistant director, Adam Somers, and I that all of the movement serve the plot and relate directly to the rivalry going on in the school. Our cast is also quite a bit bigger than the average production. Keeping this in mind, I like to make sure that I utilize as much of the cast in as many numbers as possible, so there are many instances where we have added several people into songs that normally call for smaller groups. I believe that this not only adds to our story but gives every student as much stage time as possible."

Director Jessica Low is frequently involved with KIDSTAGE, and is currently tap dancing her heart out in 42ND STREET on the Mainstage. She holds a Bachelor of the Arts from the University of Washington and works around town as a performer, choreographer, director, and teacher. Next season at Village Theatre, she will be understudying in *The Full Monty*.

Low is supported by a creative team consisting of professionals including: Adam Somers (Mainstage performer: 42nd Street) as Assistant Director; Noel Barbuto (Mainstage performer in *Show Boat*) as musical director, Johnny Bacca (Master Sound Engineer for Mainstage in Everett) as sound designer, and Pat Leo (Mainstage Props Artisan) as scenic designer.

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL features actors from the following cities: Arlington, Bothell, Edmonds, Everett, Granite Falls, Lake Stevens, Lynnwood, Marysville, Mill Creek, Mukilteo, Shoreline, Snohomish,

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and Stanwood. Pre-production photos are now available at:

http://www.villagetheatre.org/photos_ks_HighSchool2010.php. For more information or to schedule an interview, please contact Michelle Sanders at (425) 392-1942 x124 or msanders@villagetheatre.org.

SYNOPSIS:

When the captain of the basketball team and a bright transfer student decide to audition for the school musical, they find themselves caught in a hailstorm of stereotypes and cliques. Competing against the school's star performers, they struggle to prove to their classmates, and themselves, that you don't have to, "Stick to the Status Quo." This upbeat musical brings the halls of high school to life, complete with humor, heartache, and a pop rock score including smash hits, "We're All in This Together," "Get'cha Head in the Game," and "Breaking Free."

What: *High School Musical*
Book by David Simpatico
Music Adapted by Bryan Louiselle
Written by Peter Barsocchini

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

When: August 13-22, 2010
Thursday-Saturdays 7:30 PM
Sundays 2:00 PM

Tickets: \$13 (General), \$12 (Youth & Seniors) – ON SALE NOW
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