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**PIED PIPER PRESENTS A NEW MUSICAL
*KNUFFLE BUNNY: A CAUTIONARY MUSICAL***

Produced by Kennedy Center Theatre for Young Audiences on Tour

Everett, WA – Village Theatre Pied Piper is delighted to introduce the enchanting new musical, **KNUFFLE BUNNY: A CAUTIONARY MUSICAL** at the Everett Civic Auditorium on October 30, 2010.

Based on the Caldecott Honor-winning book by acclaimed writer, Mo Willems, **KNUFFLE BUNNY: A CAUTIONARY MUSICAL** recounts the hilarious yet unfortunate debacle that results from a family trip to the Laundromat. Daddy's intentions are only good when he brings his toddler, Trixie and her inseparable companion, Knuffle Bunny, to the Laundromat. However, when he inadvertently tosses Knuffle Bunny into a laundry machine, chaos ensues. Disabled by her inability to communicate through intelligible words, Trixie settles for the only other viable alternative: throwing a fit that entails crying hysterically until she goes "boneless."

Children can empathize with young Trixie's dilemma of yearning to be understood. However, don't be fooled by the baby-talk and the undeniably cute stuffed animals, for despite its youthful appeal this new musical is what Pied Piper Manager, Erica Weir, describes as "incredibly complex and sophisticated." With a fresh perspective on a familiar childhood predicament, **KNUFFLE BUNNY** will charm audiences of any age with a delightful quiriness that can only be captured with giant dancing laundry and emotional ballads sung entirely in gibberish.

This exciting new musical comes to Everett Civic Auditorium from Kennedy Center Theatre for Young Audiences on Tour, which prides itself on 40 flourishing years of presenting the greatest performances in the nation. This production is no exception, with a degree of "wit and sprightliness" (*Washington Post*) that allows the beloved book by six-time Emmy Award winner Mo Willems to come alive. With music by Grammy Award®-

winning composer Michael Silversher and lyrics by Mo Willems, KNUFFLE BUNNY is a sensation that cannot be missed.

The public performance of KNUFFLE BUNNY: A CAUTIONARY MUSICAL will take place Saturday October 30, 2010 at 2:00 PM at the Everett Civic Auditorium. One hour prior to curtain, young people are invited to participate in pre-show arts, crafts, and fun in partnership with Imagine Children's Museum.

Village Theatre is excited to offer an opportunity for families to delve deeper into the story behind the show with "Page to Stage Storytimes." Led by Erica Weir, Pied Piper manager, these engaging and interactive 15-minute readings are excellent precursors to their respective performances. The event is aimed at exploring the themes and books associated with this particular Pied Piper performance. The Page to Stage Storytime for KNUFFLE BUNNY: A CAUTIONARY MUSICAL will take place at Imagine Children's Museum on Wednesday, October 20, 2010 between 11:15AM—1:00PM.

Village Theatre Pied Piper also offers a season specifically for schools to participate in. Learn more about the School Season at http://www.villagetheatre.org/pp_school_season.php. For more information or to arrange an interview, please contact Michelle Sanders at (425) 392-1942 x124 or

msanders@villagetheatre.org. Production photos are available at:

http://www.villagetheatre.org/photos_pp_knuffle.php

What:	KNUFFLE BUNNY: A CAUTIONARY MUSICAL Produced by Kennedy Center Theatre for Young Audiences on Tour Based on the book by Mo Willems Music by Michael Silversher Lyrics by Mo Willems Adapted for the stage by Mo Willems
Where:	Everett Civic Auditorium 2415 Colby Avenue Everett, WA 98201
When:	October 30, 2010, 2:00 PM – ON SALE NOW
Tickets:	\$13-\$15 Box Office: (425) 257-8600 or www.villagetheatre.org

About Village Theatre Pied Piper

The Pied Piper program is dedicated to enriching the cultural lives of young people and supporting the classroom objectives of educators by bringing first-class educational performances to students, teachers, and families in the Puget Sound area. A Programming Advisory Committee, made up of teachers, principals, administrators, and parents advise on the selection of productions and presentations for each season's series, with the final selections being made by Village Theatre's educational and artistic staff.