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**VILLAGE ORIGINALS MUSICALS CONTINUE TO FLOURISH AT VILLAGE THEATRE  
AND BEYOND**

**Issaquah, WA** – In 2008, Chris Jones of the *Chicago Tribune* was quoted in a review of *Million Dollar Quartet* by saying, “Great balls of fire! Here’s a hit. A palpable hit. Vegas. London. Maybe even Broadway.” *Million Dollar Quartet* had early development through Village Theatre’s new works program, Village Originals, in 2006 and 2007, moved on to Chicago in 2008 before heading off to Broadway in 2010—with some of Village Theatre’s actors to boot. Over the years, *Million Dollar Quartet* has continued to receive rave reviews from around the country, and now the show is set to open in London in February 2011. It seems Chris Jones’ early prediction was accurate.

In a recent email exchange between Village Theatre and Jones, he commented, “I think *MDQ* was the rare example of a show that audiences of all stripes find infectious, accessible and satisfying. Given the British interest in these artists, I’ve long thought the piece was a natural for London. I’m sure it will do well there.”

In 2007, *Million Dollar Quartet* broke new musical sales records at Village Theatre, earning over \$1 Million in tickets sale. Today, Village Theatre is thrilled to report that its current production of the new musical *Anne of Green Gables* is tracking to exceed *Million Dollar Quartet* in sales.

As of December 6, 2010, *Anne of Green Gables* has sold over 24,800 tickets (including season tickets), equating to about \$987,000. The show has yet to complete its run, which goes through January 2, 2011 in Issaquah, and January 7-30, 2011 in Everett. The projected total for tickets sold is 29,500 (including season tickets), with projected sales of roughly \$1,125,000. In 2007 *Million Dollar Quartet* grossed \$1,114,000 in ticket sales at Village Theatre, equating to roughly 30,600 tickets sold (including season tickets).

“We are excited that the new musicals we carefully nurture are so successful,” Robb Hunt, executive producer at Village Theatre commented. “It keeps us energized to continue this important part of our mission.” Village Theatre has yet another new musical in the 2010-2011 Season—the outrageous musical commie-dy, *Iron Curtain*. The public can purchase 4 or 3-show season tickets now to ensure their seats to this highly anticipated new musical. Single tickets will become available in the New Year.

Village Theatre is offering two weekday matinee performances of the new musical, *Anne of Green Gables*—December 28 and 29 at 2:00 PM. For tickets, visit the Village Theatre website ([www.villagetheatre.org](http://www.villagetheatre.org)) or call the Box Office in Issaquah at (425) 392-2202 or in Everett at (425) 257-8600.

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