

# Village Theatre

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### ***NEXT TO NORMAL* WINS PULITZER PRIZE FOR DRAMA**

**April 12, 2010**—It was announced today that the new musical drama *Next to Normal* won the 2010 Pulitzer Prize for Drama. This Tony Award-winning new musical got its start in Issaquah, WA in Village Theatre's new works program Village Originals under the title *Feeling Electric*. Written by Brian Yorkey—Village Theatre's former associate artistic director—the show went on to further development and found a home at Broadway's Booth Theatre in April 2009. It's been over one year on Broadway, the show has since recouped, and a national tour is on the horizon.

*Next to Normal* will tour to Seattle's 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Theatre in early 2011. Village Theatre Subscribers have the opportunity to add-on tickets to their subscription to see the touring production at a special discounted rate. For more information, about *Next To Normal* visit [www.nexttonormal.com](http://www.nexttonormal.com). For more information about Village Theatre visit [www.villagetheatre.org](http://www.villagetheatre.org).

#### **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 182,000 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 85 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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