

Village Theatre

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STUNT GIRL TAKES THE NEXT STEP, NEW YORK CITY

Reading Directed by Brian Yorkey

Issaquah, WA – Next Monday, June 7 the new musical *Stunt Girl*, produced on Village Theatre's Mainstage in 2009, will receive a reading in New York City at Manhattan Theatre Club.

At Village Theatre, *Stunt Girl* was part of the Festival of New Musicals in 2005 before its World Premiere in the 2008-2009 Mainstage Season. The new musical received critical acclaim here locally, and is now moving forward in New York City. *Stunt Girl* will be part of Manhattan Theatre Club's Ernst C. Stiefel "7@7" Reading Series at New York City Center.

The reading features significant Seattle representation with direction by Brian Yorkey, former associate artistic director for Village Theatre, Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning author of *Next to Normal*, and director of this season's *Lost in Yonkers*, amongst others, at Village Theatre. R.J. Tancioco, music director for the Mainstage production of *Stunt Girl*, will be in New York to music direct this reading as well. As for the cast, John Patrick Lowrie (*Stunt Girl*, *The Gypsy King*) will travel to New York to once again play the role of Joseph Pulitzer, while Louis Hobson, currently in the Broadway cast of *Next to Normal*, will play Arthur Brisbane. Hobson played this same role in the Festival of New Musicals reading at Village Theatre in 2005.

Stunt Girl is the latest new musical developed by Village Theatre to move forward in its development process in New York. Over the past two years, Village Theatre has seen two musicals it developed early on make it to Broadway and receive Tony nods. Now it's possible that *Stunt Girl* could be the next Village Originals to find success.

Stunt Girl was composed by Disney composer David Friedman with book and lyrics by two-time Tony award nominee Peter Kellogg (*Anna Karenina*). For more information about the "7@7" reading in New York, please visit http://www.manhattantheatreclub.com/about_7@7.asp. For more information about Village Theatre or to schedule individual interviews, please contact Michelle Sanders, communications manager at (425) 392-1942 x124 or msanders@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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