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Dance Back to the 1950s for Village Theatre's *Grease*

**Get Ready for Grit, Glam, and Youthful Exuberance with One of the
World's Most Popular Musicals**

March 24 – June 7, 2026 | Issaquah + Everett

**Book, Music, and Lyrics by
JIM JACOBS and WARREN CASEY**

**Directed and Choreographed by
LISA SHRIVER
Music Directed by TIM SYMONS**

ISSAQAH, WA (February 17, 2026) – Ooooh, those summer nights! Village Theatre continues their season with the record-breaking *Grease*, one of the world's most popular musicals. Featuring the many hit songs that became the soundtrack of a generation, like "Greased Lightnin'," "Alone at the Drive-in Movie," and "It's Raining on Prom Night," this 1950s pop culture satire is filled to the brim with grit, glam, and youthful exuberance. Directed and choreographed by Lisa Shriver (*Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*), this production of *Grease* promises nonstop, nostalgic, hydromatic fun. *Grease* is on stage in Issaquah March 24–May 3, 2026, and in Everett May 9–June 7, 2026. Tickets and show information are at VillageTheatre.org/Grease.

In roles made famous by John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John, head "greaser" Danny Zuko and new girl Sandy Dumbrowski try to relive their sizzling summer fling as the Burger Palace Boys and Pink Ladies of Rydell High's senior class navigate the peer pressures and social politics of high school in the 1950s. So throw on a poodle skirt, dust off that leather jacket, and rediscover the show that's been winning hearts for generations!

Returning to Village Theatre after directing the sensational jukebox musical *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*, Lisa Shriver is excited to embrace both the nostalgic feel of *Grease* as well as bring a fresh perspective to the musical that premiered over five decades ago.

"I want to direct this show and tell this story for my teenage daughter," said Shriver, "because the lessons *Grease* taught my pre-adolescent self remain true: an incredible group of friends and a few rockin' musical numbers CAN solve all your problems (well, at least a few)."

"I couldn't be more excited to have Lisa Shriver leading this new production of *Grease*," said Artistic Director Adam Immerwahr. "With her at the helm, I know we're in for a high-octane, nostalgic, and amazing production of *Grease* that will illuminate the show in new ways. I can't wait to share it with our community."

Grease features book, music and lyrics by **Jim Jacobs** and **Warren Casey**.

The cast features **Alegra Batara** (Patty Simcox), **Ben Dow** (Doody), **Tori Gresham** (Frenchy), **Cherisse Martinelli** (Marty), **Nick McCarthy** (Roger), **Maya McQueen** (Sandy Dumbrowski), **Pilar O'Connell** (Jan), **Brandon O'Neill** (Vince Fontaine), **Connor Russell** (Eugene), **Jasmine Jean Sim** (Rizzo), **Dane Stokinger** (Teen Angel/Johnny Casino), **Teri Lee Thomas** (Miss Lynch), **Daniel Velasquez** (Danny Zuko), **Jeffery Wallace** (Sonny), **Shelby Willis** (Cha-Cha and Dance Captain), **Susanna Cathryn Ballenski** (u/s Frenchy, u/s Cha-Cha, u/s Jan), **Tommy Beale** (u/s Eugene, u/s Roger), **Conor Breen** (u/s Sonny, u/s Kenickie, u/s Roger, u/s Doody, u/s Eugene), **Danny Kam** (u/s Johnny Casino, u/s Vince Fontaine, u/s Teen Angel), **Jacqueline Tardanico** (u/s Marty, u/s Rizzo, u/s Miss Lynch), and **Chailia Wendland** (u/s Sandy, u/s Patty).

The creative team bringing the Rydell High school spirit to the stage includes Scenic Designer **Jason Ardizzone-West**, Costume Designer **Danielle Nieves**, Lighting Designer **Robert J Aguilar**, Sound Designer **Ken Travis**, and Stage Manager **JR Welden**.

The creative team also includes Associate Director **Jessica Low**, Associate Music Director **Elisa Money**, Associate Choreographer **Katy Tabb**, Associate Lighting Designer **Casey Price**, Associate Set Designer **Emma Antenen**, Fight Director **Geoffrey Alm**, Intimacy Director **Bretteney Beverly**, Dialect Coach **Gin Hammond**, and Casting Partner **Calleri Jensen Davis**.

Single tickets can be purchased now at VillageTheatre.org/Grease, by phone at (425) 392-2202, or through Village Theatre's box office in-person in Issaquah (303 Front Street N) or Everett (2710 Wetmore Avenue).

ABOUT VILLAGE THEATRE

Based in Issaquah, Wash., with operations in Everett, Wash., Village Theatre is a leading producer of musical theater in the Pacific Northwest. Producing entertaining, quality productions since 1979, Village has grown into one of the region's best-attended theatres. Village is nationally recognized for its contribution to the development of new musicals, having supported the creation of more than 180 new works to date; and also takes pride in nurturing tomorrow's audiences through its Youth Education programs, serving thousands of young people and their families annually.

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WHERE:

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WHEN:

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TICKETS:

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