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**FREE PUBLIC PERFORMANCES OF SUMMER
YOUTH CLASSES AT TAPROOT THEATRE**

Taproot Theatre Company's Acting Studio will stage free performances of popular plays and musicals throughout the summer. Youth ages 9 to 18 years will showcase their talents in productions specifically designed for young actors. The summer line-up includes: *Alice in Wonderland*, *Oklahoma!*, *Seussical*, and *Jane Eyre*. Performances are held at Taproot Theatre, 204 N. 85th Street, in Seattle's Greenwood neighborhood. Admission is free, but donations for Taproot's Acting Studio will be accepted. Taproot's website will be updated with additional performance dates, times and productions, www.taproottheatre.org.

Productions showcase the talents of participants in Taproot Theatre's Acting Studio summer youth classes. Students spend one to two weeks learning and improving acting techniques taught by some of the region's most talented theatre artists. Classes cover everything from beginning acting techniques, to musical theatre to Shakespearean performance and culminate with final public performances. Plays are chosen with young artists in mind.

Taproot Theatre Company's Acting Studio offers year-round classes for youth and adults with the goal of creating a nurturing environment where the theatre artist can develop his or her unique gifts. Space is still available for students wishing to register for summer classes. For more information, or to register for classes, call Sara Willy at (206) 781-9705 or email saraw@taproottheatre.org. Information is also available online at www.taproottheatre.org.

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SUMMER 2006 PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

July 1, 10:00 AM

Alice in Wonderland

Written by Bryan Willis, Music by Edd Key

Musical Theatre Daycamp performs the new musical, *Alice in Wonderland*. This musical re-telling follows Alice down the rabbit hole where she meets the familiar Wonderland characters with a few new twists and delightful new songs.

July 21, 4:00 PM; July 22, 10:00 AM

Oklahoma!

Music by Richard Rodgers, Book and Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II

Students in Taproot Theatre's Musical Theatre Supercamp I will showcase their talent with this American musical classic!

August 11, 4:00 PM; August 12, 10:00 AM

Seussical

Book by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty, Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens, Music by Stephen Flaherty, Co-conceived by Eric Idle

Taproot Theatre's Musical Theatre Supercamp II presents the fantastical, magical, musical extravaganza, *Seussical*. This musical adventure includes all your favorite Dr. Seuss characters – Horton the Elephant, Gertrude McFuzz, Lazy Mayzie, the Cat in the Hat and all the Whos of Whoville!

August 25, 4:00 PM; August 26, 10:00 AM

Jane Eyre

Book by John Caird, Music and Lyrics by Paul Gordon

Taproot Theatre's Advanced Musical Theatre Supercamp brings this Charlotte Bronte classic to life. Filled with soaring melodies and romantic lyricism, *Jane Eyre* is a breathtaking tale of love and overcoming obstacles.

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