

Now Extended with Streaming Available: *A Night with the Russells: The Legacy of Us* at Taproot Theatre

New Cabaret is Back with Longer Run and Streaming Options through October 29, 2022

SEATTLE, WA – October 5, 2022 – Taproot Theatre Company’s current production—*A Night with the Russells: The Legacy of Us*—is now extended through October 29, with a streaming option for audiences not able to make it to the theatre. *A Night with the Russells: The Legacy of Us*, features stories and songs performed by Seattle’s own Faith Bennett Russell, Be Russell, and Sarah Russell—on stage together for the first time. Jimmy Shields directs the cabaret, with music direction by Aaron Norman. Several performances had to be cancelled due to COVID-19, and Taproot is excited to be bringing the show back with more dates and streaming. Tickets will be available on October 6, 2022.

An evening of laughter, love, and unrelenting joy! Seattle’s own Sarah, Be, and Faith Bennett Russell carry on their family’s legacy as storytellers, while celebrating their individual journeys as Black female artists. From their roots in Jamaica to their home in Seattle, this cabaret is filled with songs both new and old. Bring your tissues and party-poppers and prepare to leave with a song in your heart.

Sarah, Be, and Faith Bennett Russell have performed on stages in the Seattle area for a number of years. All three together worked most recently on *Mamma Mia!* at Village Theatre this summer, with Faith directing, and Sarah and Be on stage. They’re some of Seattle’s greatest performers, but they’ve never performed on the same stage together—until now. Experience the talent of the Russell family as they share stories and songs. The cabaret is directed by **Jimmy Shields**, with music direction by **Aaron M. Davis Norman**. The production team includes **Parmida Ziaei**, scenic design; **Andi Alhadeff**, costume design; **Ahren Buhmann**, lighting design; **Mark Lund**, Sound Design; **Colleen Nielsen**, stage manager; and **Sonja Lowe**, dramaturg.

Tickets will be available on October 6, 2022 and will be available online at taproottheatre.org, by phone 206.781.9707 (Tue-Sat, noon-5:00 PM) or in person at 204 N 85th St. Ticket prices range from \$25-52 with discounts available for students, seniors, active military, 25 & Under and TeenTix members. Accessible ticket prices are also available on TodayTix. Discounts are also available for groups of 8 or more by calling 206.781.9708 or by visiting taproottheatre.org/group-sales.

A NIGHT WITH THE RUSSELLS: THE LEGACY OF US FACT SHEET

WHAT: Taproot Theatre Company presents *A Night with the Russells: The Legacy of Us* with stories and songs performed by Faith Bennet Russell, Be Russell, and Sarah Russell. An evening of laughter, love, and unrelenting joy! Seattle's own Sarah, Be, and Faith Bennett Russell carry on their family's legacy as storytellers, while celebrating their individual journeys as Black female artists. From their roots in Jamaica to their home in Seattle, this cabaret is filled with songs both new and old. Bring your tissues and party-poppers and prepare to leave with a song in your heart.

WHEN: Now through October 29, 2022 • Wed/Thur, 7:30 PM; Fri/Sat, 8:00 PM; Sat matinee, 2:00 PM

WHERE: Taproot Theatre Company's Jewell Mainstage Theatre, 204 N 85th St, Seattle, WA 98103

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AGE RECOMMENDATION: 10+

CAST

Faith Bennett Russell	<i>Playwright/Artist</i>
Be Russell	<i>Playwright/Artist</i>
Sarah Russell *	<i>Playwright/Artist</i>

PRODUCTION

Jimmy Shields	<i>Director/Choreographer</i>
Aaron M. Davis Norman	<i>Music Director</i>
Parmida Ziaei	<i>Scenic Design</i>
Mark Lund	<i>Sound Design</i>
Andi Alhadeff	<i>Costume Design</i>
Ahren Buhmann	<i>Lighting Design</i>
Colleen Nielsen *	<i>Stage Manager</i>
Sonja Lowe	<i>Dramaturg</i>

**Member of Actor's Equity Association.*

PHOTOS: Press photos are available online at <http://taproottheatre.org/for-the-press/> > Jewell Mainstage Theatre > A Night with the Russells. *(This link is not to be published.)*

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Taproot Theatre Company is a professional, non-profit theatre company with a multi-faceted production program. Founded in 1976, Taproot Theatre serves the Pacific Northwest with Jewell Mainstage Productions, Isaac Studio Theatre Productions, Touring Productions and the Acting Studio. Taproot Theatre Company tells stories of hope, serving the Pacific Northwest through live theatre and educational programs. Taproot Theatre Company is a member of Theatre Communications Group (TCG), Theatre Puget Sound (TPS) and Phinney Ridge Neighborhood Association (PNA).

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