

Taproot Theatre presents *As It is in Heaven*

Arlene Hutton's play, a professional regional premiere, runs March 22 – April 22, 2023

OPENING MARCH 24, 2023, 8:00PM – Runs March 22 – April 22, 2023 • Wed/Thur, 7:30 PM; Fri/Sat, 8:00 PM; Sat matinee, 2:00 PM

SEATTLE, WA – January 31, 2023 – Taproot Theatre is excited to announce the second play in its 2023 Jewell Mainstage Season, *As It is in Heaven* by Arlene Hutton. Based on true events in the history of the Shakers, the play explores the generational shifts that occur when a new generation comes in and begins to disrupt or change the way that things have been done. Directed by Marianne Savell, the show opens on March 24, 2023 and runs through April 22, 2023.

“Tis a gift to be simple,” sing the Shakers of Pleasant Hill. But as the young women in the community claim new spiritual gifts, Sister Hannah and the other elders must judge whether these gifts are real or rebellion. Set during America’s surge of Utopian communities, the play wrestles with belief and doubt in a swiftly changing world.

Savell directs Ashleigh Coe, Jenny Cross, Justine Davis, Marianna de Fazio, Jenny Vaughn Hall, Stevie Kallos, Chloe Michele, Kristen Natalia, and Pam Nolte. Understudies include **Teri Lee Thomas** and **Sofia Ayala**.

Tickets are available online at taproottheatre.org, by phone at 206.781.9707 (Tue-Sat, noon-5:00 PM), or in person at 204 N 85th St. Ticket prices range from \$25-56 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.

SPECIAL DATES FOR THE AUDIENCE

Pay What You Can (PWYC): March 29 at 7:30 PM; a limited number of \$10 tickets are available at noon, tickets may be purchased in person or by phone (card fees may apply). Beginning at 5:00 PM, tickets are name-your-own-price; these tickets may be purchased in person only. Limit 4 tickets per person. Seating for PWYC performances is General Admission, there is no reserved seating. If you have accessible seating needs please call the Box Office directly.

Senior Matinees: March 28 and April 19 at 2:00 PM; Taproot's Senior Matinee program provides anyone aged 62 and older with an affordable way to participate in live theatre in a convenient daytime performance. Performance features a post-play discussion, immediately following the show.

Intergenerational Matinee: April 5 at 10:30 AM; With \$10 student/chaperone tickets, printed educational play guides, and a guided post-play discussion, our Intergenerational Matinees enhance student education, providing theatre as a tool and springboard for learning, growth and communication. Senior ticket price: \$20.

AS IT IS IN HEAVEN FACT SHEET

WHAT: Taproot Theatre Company presents *As It is in Heaven* by Arlene Hutton. "'Tis a gift to be simple," sing the Shakers of Pleasant Hill. But as the young women in the community claim new spiritual gifts, Sister Hannah and the other elders must judge whether these gifts are real or rebellion. Set during America's surge of Utopian communities, the play wrestles with belief and doubt in a swiftly changing world.

WHEN: March 22 – April 22, 2023 • Wed/Thur, 7:30 PM; Fri/Sat, 8:00 PM; Sat matinee, 2:00 PM

Dates to note:

Previews: March 22 & 23, 7:30 PM

Opening Night: March 24, 8:00 PM

Pay What You Can: March 29, 7:30 PM

Midweek Matinees: March 28 at 2:00 PM, March 29 and April 5 at 10:30 AM (*limited availability*)

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

TICKETS: Tickets are available online at taproottheatre.org, by phone at 206.781.9707 (Tue-Sat, noon-5:00 PM), or in person at 204 N 85th St. Ticket prices range from \$25-56 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.

AGE RECOMMENDATION: 12+

CAST & PRODUCTION:

Hannah	Stevie Kallos
Phebe	Ashleigh Coe
Betsy	Jenny Cross
Polly	Marianna de Fazio
Peggy	Pam Nolte
Jane	Jenny Vaughn Hall
Izzy	Chloe Michele
Rachel	Kristen Natalia
Fanny	Justine Davis

Director	Marianne Savell
Scenic Design	Jordan Gerow
Costume Design	Janelle Kimbrough
Lighting Design	Chih-Hung Shao
Sound Design	Mark Lund
Choreographer	Katy Tabb
Stage Manager	Ria Lodick
Dramaturg	Kelly Flynt
Dialect Coach	Leah Fishbaugh

* AEA
** SDC
*** USA

PHOTOS: Press photos are available online at <https://taproottheatre.org/for-the-press/> (Jewell Mainstage Theatre → *As It is in Heaven* (link not to be published))

PR: Daytona Danielsen, Communications Manager, 206.529.3666,
daytonad@taproottheatre.org

Taproot Theatre Company is generously supported by Artsfund, KCTS, 4Culture, Office of Arts & Culture, ArtsWA, NEA, Green Trails Maps, Piper Village, Janus Apartments, and Susan Rutherford, MD.

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).

Karen Lund, *Producing Artistic Director*
204 N 85th St | Seattle, WA 98103
206.781.9705 | taproottheatre.org

###