

Extend Your Experience of *As It is in Heaven* with Honey Tasting on April 7

Add-on honey tasting with Rainy Day Bees only \$10

SEATTLE, WA – March 9, 2023 – “’Tis a gift to be simple,” sing the Shakers of Pleasant Hill, the setting of Arlene Hutton’s *As It is in Heaven*, a regional premiere at Taproot Theatre. The Shakers brought Italian bees to the U.S. in the 19th century, and you can experience the simple pleasure of honey from Rainy Day Bees on April 7 at 6:30pm at this exclusive add-on event for patrons who have tickets to Taproot Theatre’s *As It is in Heaven* that evening.

For only \$10, join Peter Nolte of Rainy Day Bees to taste the unique flavors of 5 honeys produced by small beekeepers. You’ll explore the flavors from different flowers and regions while learning about beekeeping and threats to bee health.

ABOUT AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

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Based on true events, the play asks questions about faith and tradition and what we do when someone’s encounter with the divine is beyond our own understanding. Directed by Marianne Savell, the show opens on March 24, 2023 and runs through April 22, 2023.

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 for *As It is in Heaven* range from \$25-56 with discounts available for students, seniors, active military, 25 & Under and TeenTix members. Add-on tickets for the honey tasting are \$10.

ABOUT RAINY DAY BEES

Peter and Amy Beth Nolte produce local honey in backyards throughout the Seattle area for the last 12 years through Rainy Day Bees’ Hive Hosting service. They love sharing the unique flavors of our local honeys. If you’re in the area and want to learn more about bees (and even get inside a hive), they also host hive tours at their home in Shoreline for individuals and corporate team building events! Learn more: rainydaybees.com

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*)

Add-on Honey Tasting: April 7 at 6:30 PM (*limited availability*)

Mask Required Performances: Tuesday, March 28 at 2:00 PM; Friday, March 31 at 8:00 PM; Saturday, April 8 at 2:00 PM; Thursday, April 13 at 7:30 PM

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

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AGE RECOMMENDATION: 12+

CAST & PRODUCTION:

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| 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
Dramaturg
Dialect Coach

Ria Lodick
Kelly Flynt
Leah Fishbaugh

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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).

Karen Lund, *Producing Artistic Director*
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