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Kill Date: April 23, 2023

Meet *As It is in Heaven* Playwright Arlene Hutton at Taproot Theatre

Playwrighting and Shakers: A Conversation with Arlene Hutton, April 22

SEATTLE, WA – March 21, 2023 – Taproot Theatre hosts Arlene Hutton—the playwright behind its current production, *As It is in Heaven*—for a special conversation this spring. *Playwrighting and Shakers: A Conversation with Arlene Hutton* takes place in Taproot Theatre’s Jewell Mainstage Theatre on April 22, from 5-7 pm, prior to that evening’s closing performance.

Arlene Hutton and Taproot’s Literary Manager, Sonja Lowe, will discuss the process of playwrighting, inspirations, and what it’s like to watch your story unfold onstage. Light refreshments will be available in the café after the talk. Tickets are \$10 for the general public, and free for members of Taproot’s Playmakers Club (learn more about the event at <https://taproottheatre.org/shows/2023/as-it-is-in-heaven/> and about this club at <https://my.taproottheatre.org/donate/i/playmakers>).

ABOUT *AS IT IS IN HEAVEN*

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*)

Mask Required Performances: March 28 at 2:00 PM, March 31 at 8:00 PM, April 8 at 2:00 PM, April 13 at 7:30 PM

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

Understudy	Sofia Ayala
Understudy	Jesica Avellone
Understudy	Teri Lee Thomas

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

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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))

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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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