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# **EXTENDED! World premiere of *Happy Christmas, Jeeves* selling so fast that Taproot Theatre announces extension a week before opening**

***Brand-new holiday play based on the stories of PG Wodehouse now runs November 27 – December 31, 2024***

**SEATTLE, WA – November 22, 2024** – Due to incredible demand and sold-out performances, Taproot Theatre is excited to announce the extension of its world premiere production of *Happy Christmas, Jeeves* by Heidi McElrath and Nathan Kessler-Jeffrey, based on the stories of PG Wodehouse. The production, directed by Karen Lund, opens November 29, 2024. Originally scheduled to run through December 28, three performances have been added: December 30 at 2pm and 7:30pm and December 31 at 2pm.

*Step into the whimsical world of Bertie Wooster and his impeccable valet, Jeeves, in this brand-new holiday play. All Bertie wants for Christmas is a quiet night at home with no relatives, but his tranquility is shattered by a love-smitten pal and the impending arrival of the meddling Aunt Agatha. Join the mirth and mayhem in a delightful comedy that will tickle your fancy and warm your heart.*

Karen Lund directs William Eames, Rachel Guyer-Mafune, Joe Moore, Kim Morris, Calder Jameson Shilling, Richard Nguyen Sloniker, and Nikki Visel. Rebecca Gelzer, Llysa Holland, Jon Lutyens, and Giao Nguyen understudy.

Tickets are available online at [taproottheatre.org](http://taproottheatre.org), by phone at 206.781.9707 (Tue-Sat, noon-5:00 PM), or in person at 204 N 85<sup>th</sup> St. Ticket prices range from \$25-65 with discounts available for students, seniors, active military, 25 & Under and TeenTix members. Discounts will also be available for groups of 8 or more by calling 206.781.9708 or by visiting [taproottheatre.org/group-sales](http://taproottheatre.org/group-sales).

## **SPECIAL DATES FOR THE AUDIENCE**

**Pay What You Can (PWYC):** November 27 at 7:30 PM; regular-priced tickets available in advance, \$10 tickets offered starting at noon day of show, and pay-what-you-can pricing in-person day of show.

**Senior Matinees:** December 3, 18, and 27 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:** December 4 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.

**Pre-Show Reception:** December 4 at 6:15 PM; \$35. Available for purchase online or through the Box office. Menu available soon.

### **HAPPY CHRISTMAS, JEEVES FACT SHEET**

**WHAT:** Taproot Theatre Company presents *Happy Christmas, Jeeves* by Heidi McElrath and Nathan Kessler-Jeffrey, based on the stories of PG Wodehouse. *Step into the whimsical world of Bertie Wooster and his impeccable valet, Jeeves, in this brand-new holiday play. All Bertie wants for Christmas is a quiet night at home with no relatives, but his tranquility is shattered by a love-smitten pal and the impending arrival of the meddling Aunt Agatha. Join the mirth and mayhem in a delightful comedy that will tickle your fancy and warm your heart.*

**WHEN:** November 27 – December 31, 2024 • Wed/Thur/Fri/Sat, 7:30 PM; Sat matinee, 2:00 PM

*Dates to note:*

PWYC Preview: November 27, 7:30 PM

Opening Night: November 29, 7:30 PM

Midweek Matinees: December 3, 18, and 27 at 2:00 PM, and December 4 at 10:30 AM

Pre-Show Reception: December 4, 6:15 PM

**WHERE:** Taproot Theatre Company's Jewell Mainstage Theatre, 204 N 85<sup>th</sup> St, Seattle, WA 98103

**TICKETS:** Tickets are available online at [taproottheatre.org](http://taproottheatre.org), by phone at 206.781.9707 (Tue-Sat, noon-5:00 PM), or in person at 204 N 85<sup>th</sup> St. Ticket prices range from \$25-65 with discounts available for students, seniors, active military, 25 & Under and TeenTix members. Discounts will also be available for groups of 8 or more by calling 206.781.9708 or by visiting [taproottheatre.org/group-sales](http://taproottheatre.org/group-sales).

**AGE RECOMMENDATION:** 12+

**PHOTOS:** Press photos are available online at <https://taproottheatre.org/for-the-press/> (Jewell Mainstage Theatre → *Happy Christmas, Jeeves* (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).

Karen Lund, *Producing Artistic Director*  
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