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Taproot Theatre presents Lorraine Hansberry's masterpiece *A Raisin in the Sun* March 19 – April 19, 2025

SEATTLE, WA – February 4, 2024 – Taproot Theatre is excited to present *A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry in its Jewell Mainstage Theatre this spring, in partnership with Acts on Stage. The production, directed by Associate Artistic Director Brettenev Beverly, opens on March 21 and runs through April 19, 2025 in Taproot's Jewell Mainstage Theatre.

***An American classic!** A life insurance payout provides a path for Lena Younger to move her family from their cramped apartment on the south side of Chicago to an affordable home in a historically white neighborhood. But racial intolerance threatens to turn their American dream into heartbreak. This 1959 masterpiece "changed American theater forever" (New York Times) and continues to resonate in our hearts today.*

Brettenev Beverly directs **Marlette Buchanan, Jeffrey Cheatham II, Deja Culver, Channing Gistarb, Tim Gouran, Donovan Mahannah, Shermona Mitchell, Arlando Smith, and Dimitri Woods.** Understudies include **Ajani Dickerson, Hazel Rose Gibson, Blaise Gistarb, Leon Huggins-Richards Jr., Mark Lund, and Joshua Micah Webb.**

This timing of this production coincides with the reopening of the Jewell Mainstage Theatre, which was closed this winter for renovation thanks to a dedicated grant from the State of Washington for much-needed building improvements. *A Raisin in the Sun* opens Taproot's 2025 Mainstage season, *Timed Exposure*, which also features *Always... Patsy Cline* (created and originally directed by Ted Swindley, based on a true story, May 14 – June 14); *Murder on the Links* (by Steven Dietz, based on Agatha Christie's gripping novel, July 9 – August 9); and *The Importance of Being Earnest* (by Oscar Wilde, September 17 – October 18).

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 \$25-62 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.

SPECIAL DATES FOR THE AUDIENCE

Pay What You Can (PWYC): March 26 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: March 25 and April 9 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: March 26 and April 8 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.

A RAISIN IN THE SUN FACT SHEET

WHAT: Taproot Theatre Company presents *A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry. *A life insurance payout provides a path for Lena Younger to move her family from their cramped apartment on the south side of Chicago to an affordable home in a historically white neighborhood. But racial intolerance threatens to turn their American dream into heartbreak. This 1959 masterpiece "changed American theater forever" (New York Times) and continues to resonate in our hearts today.*

WHEN: March 19 – April 19, 2025 • Wed/Thur/Fri/Sat, 7:30 PM; Sat matinee, 2:00 PM

Dates to note:

Previews: March 19 and 20, 7:30 PM

Opening Night: March 21, 7:30 PM

PWYC: March 26, 7:30 PM

Midweek Matinees: March 25 and April 9 at 2:00 PM, March 26 and April 8 at 10:30am

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

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AGE RECOMMENDATION: 15+

PHOTOS: Press photos are available online at <https://taproottheatre.org/for-the-press/> (Jewell Mainstage Theatre → *A Raisin in the Sun* (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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