

# TAPROOT THEATRE



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## **TAPROOT THEATRE PRESENTS TWO SENIOR MATINEES OF *SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE CASE OF THE CHRISTMAS CAROL***

### **Senior matinee performances of world premiere, December 1 and 8**

SEATTLE – November 2, 2010 – Seniors celebrating the holidays at Taproot Theatre will be among the first to experience the world premiere of *Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Christmas Carol* at the senior matinees on December 1 and 8 at 2 p.m. Finally coming to Taproot Theatre after being postponed due to a fire, this world premiere by Seattle playwright John Longenbaugh is a mystery all ages are sure to enjoy. These then are the facts: The year, 1894. The date, Christmas Eve. The location, 221B Baker Street. After being presumed dead for three years, a hardened Sherlock Holmes resurfaces, turning his back on the people who need him most. Three unexpected callers arrive on Christmas Eve uncovering clues from the detective's past, present and future. Can they save Holmes and his world from a dire end? They must "do it all in one night" to accomplish the task. Seniors ages 62 and above can enjoy this production, directed by Scott Nolte, in a convenient daytime performance just for them at Taproot's intimate theatre. *Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Christmas Carol* runs from November 26 through December 30, with low-price previews on November 19 and 20, plus a pay-what-you-can performance on the evening of November 24.

Tickets for the senior matinee performances on December 1 and 8 are \$20, or less for groups of eight or more. For single tickets, contact Taproot Theatre's box office at 206-781-9707. For groups of eight or more, contact Group Sales at 206-781-9708 or [groups@taproottheatre.org](mailto:groups@taproottheatre.org). Taproot Theatre also offers \$3 off regular priced tickets for senior citizens for all other performance dates during its regular season, excluding previews. Wheelchair and walker accessible seating is available.

## ***Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Christmas Carol* Fact Sheet**

**WHAT:** *Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Christmas Carol*, by John Longenbaugh, directed by Scott Nolte

**DESCRIPTION:** These then are the facts: The year, 1894. The date, Christmas Eve. The location, 221B Baker Street. After being presumed dead for three years, a hardened Sherlock Holmes resurfaces, turning his back on the people who need him most. Three unexpected callers arrive on Christmas Eve uncovering clues from the detective's past, present and future. Can they save Holmes and his world from a dire end? They must "do it all in one night" to accomplish the task. A mystery full of Christmas spirits your whole family will enjoy.

**WHEN:** November 19 through December 30, 2010. Opening Night with Reception: Friday, November 26. Pay-what-you-can (PWYC) performance on Wednesday, November 24.

**SCHEDULE:** Tues., Wed. and Thurs., 7:30 p.m.; Fri. and Sat., 8:00 p.m.; Sat. matinee, 2:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Taproot Theatre, 204 N. 85<sup>th</sup> St. in Seattle.

**TICKETS:** Ticket prices are \$20-35. Student/senior discount, \$3 off regular priced tickets (excludes previews). Senior matinee performances on December 1 and 8 are \$20. \$20 tickets on November 30.

For tickets contact Taproot Theatre's box office at (206) 781-9707. Group rates are available. For groups, call (206) 781-9708.

Tickets for the pay-what-you-can performance on November 24 go on day of show at the box office only. Contact the box office for details.

### **CALENDAR:**

Fri.	November 19	8:00 p.m.	Preview
Sat.	November 20	8:00 p.m.	Preview
Wed.	November 24	7:30 p.m.	PWYC
Thurs.	November 25		Thanksgiving Day, no performance
Fri.	November 26	8:00 p.m.	Opening Night with Reception
Sat.	November 27	2:00 p.m.	
Sat.	November 27	8:00 p.m.	
Tues.	November 30	7:30 p.m.	
Wed.	December 1	2:00 p.m.	Senior Matinee
Wed.	December 1	7:30 p.m.	Dinner & Theatre, Post-play Discussion
Thurs.	December 2	7:30 p.m.	
Fri.	December 3	8:00 p.m.	
Sat.	December 4	2:00 p.m.	
Sat.	December 4	8:00 p.m.	
Tues.	December 7	7:30 p.m.	
Wed.	December 8	2:00 p.m.	

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Thurs.	December 9	7:30 p.m.	
Fri.	December 10	8:00 p.m.	
Sat.	December 11	2:00 p.m.	
Sat.	December 11	8:00 p.m.	
Tues.	December 14	7:30 p.m.	Dinner & Theatre
Wed.	December 15	7:30 p.m.	Post-play Discussion; <b><i>SOLD OUT!</i></b>
Thurs.	December 16	7:30 p.m.	
Fri.	December 17	8:00 p.m.	
Sat.	December 18	2:00 p.m.	
Sat.	December 18	8:00 p.m.	
Tues.	December 21	7:30 p.m.	
Wed.	December 22	7:30 p.m.	Post-play Discussion
Thurs.	December 23	7:30 p.m.	
Fri.	December 24		Christmas Eve, no performance
Sat.	December 25		Christmas Day, no performance
Tues.	December 28	7:30 p.m.	
Wed.	December 29	7:30 p.m.	
Thurs.	December 30	7:30 p.m.	Closing Night

#### **ABOUT TAPROOT THEATRE COMPANY**

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 Mainstage Productions, Touring Productions and Acting Studio. Taproot exists to create theatre that explores the beauty and questions of life while bringing hope to our search for meaning. Taproot Theatre Company is a member of Theatre Communications Group (TCG), Theatre Puget Sound (TPS), and the Greenwood-Phinney Chamber of Commerce.

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