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Taproot Theatre presents senior matinee of *The Odyssey*

Senior matinee performance of Mary Zimmerman adaptation February 16

SEATTLE – January 11, 2011 – Seniors can experience a timeless story packed with adventure with the senior matinee of *The Odyssey* at Taproot Theatre on February 16 at 2 p.m.

The first production of Taproot's 35th Anniversary Season, Homer's *The Odyssey* takes audiences on a voyage across land and sea, through the underworld to the top of Mt. Olympus. Muses and monsters introduce this epic myth of the brave and courageous Odysseus as he valiantly seeks his homeland and the arms of his wife and child. Audiences are sure to recognize themselves in this sometimes comic, sometimes harrowing but always thrilling adventure.

Mary Zimmerman's *The Odyssey*, based on Robert Fitzgerald's translation, is directed by producing artistic director Scott Nolte. *The Odyssey* runs from February 4 through March 5, with previews on February 2 and 3, plus a pay-what-you-can performance on February 9.

Tickets for the senior matinee performance on February 16 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. 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.

Future 2011 senior matinees dates are as follows: *The Beams are Creaking*, April 6, 2 p.m. (runs March 25-April 23); *Brownie Points*, June 1, 2 p.m. (runs May 20-June 18); *An Ideal Husband*, October 5, 2 p.m. (runs September 23-October 22); and our Christmas 2011 production, title to be announced, December 7, 2 p.m.

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The Odyssey

**By Homer, adapted and originally directed by Mary Zimmerman, adapted from the translation of "The Odyssey" by Robert Fitzgerald
Directed by Scott Nolte**

WHEN: February 2-March 5 (Wednesday-Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Saturday matinees, 2 p.m.)

Dates to note:

- Previews: February 2 & 3, 7:30 p.m.
- Opening night: Friday, February 4, 8 p.m.
- Pay What You Can: February 9, 7:30 p.m.
- Senior Matinee: February 16, 2 p.m.
- Student Matinees: February 8, 9 & 17, March 1 & 2 (all Student Matinees sold out!)
- Post-play Discussions: Wednesday nights, excluding preview

WHERE: Taproot Theatre Company, 204 North 85th Street, Seattle, WA 98103

TICKETS: Tickets are available online at www.taproottheatre.org/buy-tickets/ and through Taproot Theatre's box office, in person or by phone at 206.781.9707. Tickets range from \$20-35, depending on the performance. Taproot offers a \$3 senior/student discount off regular priced tickets (excludes previews). \$10 tickets are available for ages 25 and under. Tickets for the senior matinee are \$20. Discounts are available for parties of 8 or more through Group Sales; call 206.781.9708. Tickets for the pay-what-you-can performance are available day of show at the box office only; contact the box office for details.

ABOUT: Voyage across land and sea, through the underworld to the top of Mt. Olympus. Muses and monsters introduce this epic myth of the brave and courageous Odysseus as he valiantly seeks his homeland and the arms of his wife and child. Audiences are sure to recognize themselves in this sometimes comic, sometimes harrowing but always thrilling adventure.

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 the 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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