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Welcome Fall with Taproot Theatre during Arts Crush this October **FREE Events and more!**

SEATTLE – September 16, 2011 – The Puget Sound art community is abuzz with excitement as they usher in the annual, month-long festival, Arts Crush. October will be filled with hundreds of events enabling artists from all fields to engage audiences, exposing patrons of every age to creative forums they may never have explored before. Taproot Theatre is teaming with Arts Crush to present several free events and special deals throughout the festival, offering everything from performances and classes for kids to free and date night deals for adults.

Schedule of Taproot Theatre's Arts Crush Events

Sunday, September 25 | 11 am – 2 pm

2011 Arts Crush Kick-Off Fair | Seattle Center's McCaw Hall

Over 50 arts organizations will be present offering various special deals. *Every hour, Taproot will be giving away a pair of complimentary tickets to Beasley's Christmas Party (11/25 – 12/30) in a good old fashion drawing.*

Friday, October 7 | 8 pm

Date Night – *An Ideal Husband* | Taproot Theatre

2 for 1 tickets! Dandies and diamonds swirl in and out of Oscar Wilde's comedic classic. Sir Chiltern appears to be the ideal husband, until a choice from early in his career comes back to haunt him. Can he be restored to his adoring wife? This smart satire sparkles with wit and romance. *By phone or in person: Patrons should ask for their Arts Crush Date Night offer. Online: Enter "Arts Crush Date Night" for the promo code.*

<http://taproottheatre.org/an-ideal-husband/> Box office: (206) 781-9707

Wednesday, October 12 | 7:30 pm

FREE Night – *An Ideal Husband* | Taproot Theatre

Go to <http://freenight.artscrush.org/> before September 29 to enter to win free tickets to *An Ideal Husband* and other performances throughout the Puget Sound.

Saturday, October 15 | 2 pm

Allies from Outer Space – a **FREE performance** | Central Library – Downtown Seattle

Come see Taproot's acclaimed Road Company address bullying prevention and diversity – for kids and adults alike. Show Description: Jeepers creepers, the aliens are coming to school, and they never shower! So goes the rumor mill when a Reptai spaceship makes an emergency landing on earth. While waiting for repairs, the Reptai queen on board sends her daughter to the local school to scope out whether the rumors she's heard are true: that humans are intolerant of differences and use their technology to bully others. Will the students at Galaxia Elementary treat Princess Komodo with respect despite her

tail and webbed fingers? Or will their bullying behavior lead the queen to take drastic measures against bullying and wipe out earth's technology... for good?

Wednesday, October 19 | 10:30 am

Drama with your Mama – a FREE class | Greenwood Public Library

It's never too early to introduce children to the world of theatre! This class will engage you and your young one with creative play, movement and theatre games. The focus is on social, physical and vocal awareness, in a warm, nurturing and FUN environment! Your little one will build confidence and explore their imagination. This class is perfect for the 1-3 year-old and their caregiver. Silliness is welcome!

For more information about Arts Crush visit <http://artscrush.org/>

About Taproot Theatre

Taproot Theatre Company is a professional, non-profit theatre company with a multi-faceted production program. Founded in 1976, TTC 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. TTC is a member of Theatre Communications Group (TCG), Theatre Puget Sound (TPS), and the Greenwood-Phinney Chamber of Commerce.

About Taproot Theatre's Road Company

Taproot Theatre's Road Company has been touring dynamic social-issue plays to students throughout the Pacific Northwest since 1985. The Road Company reaches tens of thousands of students each year with productions that address relevant social issues and provide youth with safe steps to approach them. In addition to the touring productions, Taproot Theatre provides teachers' guides and resources to facilitate classroom discussion and increase the effectiveness of the message. The actors are also available for individual classroom visits. To book a show, contact Taproot's Director of Outreach at 206.529.3669 or touring@taproottheatre.org. The Road Company is supported by The Charles Simonyi Fund for Arts and Sciences, The Seattle Foundation, 4Culture, ArtsFund and PONCHO.

About Arts Crush

Arts Crush is a month-long festival that connects artists and audiences with invigorating new experiences at hundreds of events across the region. Hundreds of arts organizations and innumerable artists from all over the Puget Sound have come together as a united arts community to share arts experiences with people of all kinds. Spotlighting a different discipline each week, the festival features opportunities to participate in **theatre, music, literature, dance, visual art, film** and more. Arts Crush reawakens the senses by engaging people in the arts in unique ways; through hands-on participation, peeking behind the scenes, or experiencing art in unexpected places. In addition, Arts Crush extends an open invitation to sample the abundance of arts and culture in our region by adopting creative pay-what-you will or discounted fee structures for traditional arts experiences.

Week 1: Visual Art

Week 2: Books & Music

Week 3: Theatre

Week 4: Dance & Film

Arts Crush is being led and managed by Theatre Puget Sound in cooperation with a consortium of arts leaders from various arts disciplines and geographic regions throughout the Puget Sound. These organizations include **City of Bellevue, Edmonds Arts Commission, Eastside Arts Coalition, Khambatta Dance, Mirror Stage Company, Seattle Art Museum, Seattle Chamber Music, Seattle Repertory Theatre, Shunpike** and **South King County Cultural Coalition**.

September | October Taproot Theatre's Arts Crush Events

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 11 am – 2 pm Kick-Off Fair
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7 8 pm Date Night <i>An Ideal Husband</i> 2 for 1 tickets	8	9
10	11	12 7:30 pm Free Night <i>An Ideal Husband</i> Enter to win	13	14	15 2 pm FREE <i>Allies from Outer Space</i> Free show	16
17	18	19 10:30 am FREE Drama with your Mama Free class	20	21	22	23