

# TAPROOT THEATRE



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## **TAPROOT THEATRE COMPANY EXTENDS**

### ***BIG RIVER: THE ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN***

**Production runs for ten additional performances**

SEATTLE – July 28, 2008 – Taproot Theatre Company has extended the run of its popular summer musical, *Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, through August 23, giving people two additional weeks to see this exuberant Tony Award-winning musical. People of all ages will love this classic story of two friends, a raft and their quest for freedom on the mighty Mississippi, with music and lyrics by Roger Miller, book by William Hauptman, and adapted from the novel by Mark Twain. A journey into America's spirit is at its heart.

*Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, directed by Karen Lund, with musical direction by Edd Key, runs Wednesdays through Saturdays, now through August 23. The talented cast includes Robbie Fowler as Huck and Geoffery Simmons as Jim, plus Edd Key, Margaret Bicknell, Jenny Cross, Solomon Davis, Amy Berryman, Julie Smith, Faith Russell, Yasmin Ravard-Andresen, Mike Oliver, Ryan Childers, David Anthony Lewis, Bethany Russell and Jonathan Moore. The band includes Becky Bloomstine, Debbie Evans, Ayrian Moore, Caleb Moore and Gordon Tibbits. The production team includes sound and scenic designer Mark Lund, costume designer Sarah Burch Gordon and lighting designer Andy Duff. Joshua Strickler serves as stage manager and Ian Klein as dramaturg.

*Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* is sponsored in part by media sponsors KUOW and ParentMap, and opening night sponsor Puget Sound Energy. Seasonal support is generously provided by 4Culture; ArtsFund; The Boeing Company; The Charles Simonyi Fund for Arts and Sciences; Ellis, Li & McKinstry PLLC; Hagen, Kurth,

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Perman & Co., CPA's; Microsoft; PONCHO; The Seattle Foundation; Viking Bank; and Washington State Arts Commission.

*"...infectious sense of fun." – The Seattle Times*

*"Taproot Theatre's foot-stomping production of the Tony Award-winning musical 'Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn' is, to use its own direct vernacular, powerful good." – Seattle P-I*

*"Karen Lund's directing is first rate." – The Enterprise*

*"Taproot has given us another solid interpretation of a timeless classic.... This beautiful River will sweep you away..." – Broadway2Seattle.com*

### **About Taproot Theatre**

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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## ***Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* Extension FACT SHEET**

### **WHAT:**

*BIG RIVER*  
*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*  
Music and Lyrics by ROGER MILLER  
Book by WILLIAM HAUPTMAN  
Adapted from the novel by Mark Twain  
Directed by Karen Lund  
Musical direction by Edd Key

**SHOW DESCRIPTION:** This summer, get swept away by the exuberance and joy of the Tony Award-winning musical *Big River*. People of all ages will love this classic story of two friends, a raft and their quest for freedom on the mighty Mississippi. A journey into America's spirit is at its heart.

**WHEN:** Now through August 23.

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

**TICKETS:** Weekday evenings and Saturday matinees, \$26-28; Friday and Saturday evenings, \$30-33; Student/Senior discount of \$2 off per ticket; ages 25 and under, \$15.

For tickets contact Taproot Theatre's box office at (206) 781-9707 or [box@taproottheatre.org](mailto:box@taproottheatre.org), or call Ticketmaster at (206) 292-ARTS. Group rates are available. For groups, call (206) 781-9708.

**SCHEDULE:** Wednesday and Thursday 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday 8:00 p.m., Saturday matinee 2:00 p.m.

### **CALENDAR:**

Wed.	July 30	7:30 p.m.	<b>Post-Play Discussion</b>
Thurs.	July 31	7:30 p.m.	
Fri.	August 1	8:00 p.m.	
Sat.	August 2	2:00 p.m.	
Sat.	August 2	8:00 p.m.	
Wed.	August 6	7:30 p.m.	<b>Post-Play Discussion</b>
Thurs.	August 7	7:30 p.m.	
Fri.	August 8	8:00 p.m.	
Sat.	August 9	2:00 p.m.	
Sat.	August 9	8:00 p.m.	
Wed.	August 13	7:30 p.m.	<b>Extension, Post-Play Discussion</b>
Thurs.	August 14	7:30 p.m.	<b>Extension</b>
Fri.	August 15	8:00 p.m.	<b>Extension</b>
Sat.	August 16	2:00 p.m.	<b>Extension</b>
Sat.	August 16	8:00 p.m.	<b>Extension</b>
Wed.	August 20	7:30 p.m.	<b>Extension, Post-Play Discussion</b>
Thurs.	August 21	7:30 p.m.	<b>Extension</b>
Fri.	August 22	8:00 p.m.	<b>Extension</b>
Sat.	August 23	2:00 p.m.	<b>Extension</b>
Sat.	August 23	8:00 p.m.	<b>Extension, Closing Night</b>