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TAPROOT REINTRODUCES LATE-NIGHT IMPROV FOR A LIMITED TIME

***The Greatest Love Story Ever... made up* Comes to Taproot's Stage – 4 performances only!**

SEATTLE – December 31, 2007 – Taproot once again offers late-night improv performances on its mainstage – for a limited time. On four Fridays in February, Taproot Theatre's improv experts will stage a brand new show, *The Greatest Love Story Ever... made up*, an improvisational take on some well-known love stories. Performances start at 10:30 p.m. on February 8, 15, 22 and 29. Improv tickets are just \$10, but audience members who attend that evening's performance of *As You Like It* can buy theirs for \$8.

The Greatest Love Story Ever... made up was created by Darrell Olson and Danny Walter for Taproot's touring company. "It's actually an idea I've had for a few years," said Olson, an actor and Taproot's Education & Outreach Associate, but it wasn't until Taproot's touring company did *A(n Improvised) Christmas Carol* by Unexpected Productions last year that it really took off. The actors incorporate moments and characters from classic love stories – including *Romeo and Juliet* – and turn them into a one-of-a-kind show never to be seen again.

Friday night improv shows used to be a regular event for Taproot, happening after every Friday mainstage performance until 2005. After *The Greatest Love Story Ever... made up* was created for the touring company to perform this winter, Taproot decided to bring it to the mainstage as well.

To purchase tickets, call 206.781-9707. Taproot Theatre is located at 204 North 85th Street in Seattle's Greenwood-Phinney neighborhood.

About *As You Like It*

"Turn on, tune in, and drop out" ... with a hilarious '60s look at Shakespeare's classic romantic comedy, directed by Associate Artistic Director Karen Lund. Set during the hippie movement, against the backdrop of the Great Society, the story unfolds in a country divided by the youth movement's growing distrust of a usurping governmental authority. A rollicking retreat into the forest of Arden gives a group

of disgruntled youths a chance to explore a new philosophy of peace and learn some lessons about love.

The talented cast features Marianne Savell as Rosalind, Aaron Lamb as Orlando, as well as Robert Gallaher, Don Brady, Nolan Palmer, Patrick Allcorn, Anne Kennedy, Kim Morris, Aubrey Bean, Bob Borwick, Mike Oliver and Darrell Olson.

As You Like It runs January 30-March 1. Performances are Wednesday and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Tickets for *As You Like It* can be purchased through Taproot Theatre's Box Office at 206.781.9707 or Ticketmaster at 206.292.ARTS.

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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Late-Night Improv at Taproot Theatre
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WHAT: Late Night Improv Returns to Taproot Theatre - 4 performances only!

The Greatest Love Story Ever... made up

Created by Darrell Olson and Danny Walter.

Taproot Theatre's improv experts start with the classics – Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* and other well-known love stories – then combine them with audience suggestions to tell the *Greatest Love Story Ever... made up*.

WHEN: Fridays, February 8-29, at 10:30 p.m.

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

TICKETS: Tickets are just \$10, or \$8 with your ticket to *As You Like It*. Contact Taproot Theatre's Box Office at 206.781.9707 or box@taproottheatre.org to purchase your tickets.