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TAPROOT THEATRE'S ACTING STUDIO OFFERS NEW DANCE CLASS THIS SPRING

SEATTLE – February 4, 2008 – Give yourself a break from spring cleaning and reward yourself with a class at Taproot Theatre Company's Acting Studio. Spring 2008 offers something for children and adults of all ages, whether it's creating and performing in their own play, trying their hands at stage combat, musical theatre and Shakespeare, or exploring the actor's process. In addition, the Acting Studio is offering a dance class for the first time, providing actors with an opportunity to build additional skills.

Registration is open now. Spring quarter runs from March 31 through May 26. The Acting Studio also offers a week-long Spring Break Camp for youth ages four to 18 years from March 31-April 4. Students in some of the camp sessions will even get to perform on Taproot Theatre's stage!

In addition to Spring Break Camp, the Spring 2008 schedule includes the following youth classes: Youth Scene Study and Dramatic Adventures: Fairy Tales. For adults, the Acting Studio offers Introductory Dance (new this Spring) and Adult Scene Study.

All classes are held at Taproot Theatre Company (204 N 85th St.) or Grace Fellowship Church (410 NW 62nd St.) in Seattle. Registration forms and class descriptions are available online at www.taproottheatre.org, or contact the Acting Studio at (206) 781-9705 or studio@taproottheatre.org.

About the Acting Studio & Taproot Theatre Company

Taproot Theatre Company's Acting Studio offers year-round classes for youth and adults taught by local theater professionals. Budding thespians will find classes to help them develop their acting skills, while more seasoned actors can build on their knowledge and learn new techniques.

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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SPRING 2008 ACTING STUDIO CALENDAR

YOUTH CLASSES

CLASS: Youth Scene Study **CLASS CODE:** 08-SPYSS
AGES: 9-17 years
DATES: Tuesdays, April 8-May 20; 7 weeks; no class during Spring Break
TIME: 6:00-8:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Grace Fellowship Church
PRICE: \$235
DESCRIPTION: This is a class for young actors who wish to deepen their understanding of the craft of acting. Using scene work, students will explore character, subtext, relationship and environment.

CLASS: Dramatic Adventures: Fairy Tales
SESSION I: Ages 4-6 years **CLASS CODE:** 08-SPDA
SESSION II: Ages 7-9 years **CLASS CODE:** 08-SPDA II
DATES: Saturdays, April 19-May 24; 6 weeks
TIME: 10:00-11:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Grace Fellowship Church
PRICE: \$185
DESCRIPTION: Students will let their imaginations run wild as they create their own play, using drama and movement. Family and friends are invited to the final class to see the show!

CLASS: Spring Break Camp
SESSION I: Ages 7-11 years **CLASS CODE:** 08-SPBC I
SESSION II: Ages 12-18 years **CLASS CODE:** 08-SPBC II
DATES: Monday-Friday, March 31-April 4
TIME: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; 1 week
LOCATION: TTC
PRICE: \$265
DESCRIPTION: Students will sample a buffet of acting techniques such as: improv, stage combat, Shakespeare and musical theatre in this one-week adventure! Parents will enjoy a presentation the final day of camp.
Performance: Friday, April 5, 3:00 p.m. at TTC

SESSION III: Ages 4-6 years **CLASS CODE:** 08-SPBC III

DATES: Monday-Friday, March 31-April 4
TIME: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; 1 week
LOCATION: Grace Fellowship Church
PRICE: \$175
DESCRIPTION: Especially for our youngest Actors! Students aged 4-6 will create an original performance while learning the building blocks of acting.
Performance: Friday, April 4, 1:00 p.m. at Grace Fellowship Church

YOUNG ADULT/ADULT CLASSES

CLASS: **Introductory Dance** **CLASS CODE:** 08-SPDA
AGES: High School-Adult
DATES: Mondays, April 7-May 26; 8 weeks
TIME: 6:00-7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: TTC
PRICE: \$100
DESCRIPTION: Introductory classes for new dancers or dancers who'd like to have a sampling of styles in all one series! Skill set for each class will be based on class participants and will range from beginning to intermediate levels. Class taught by 6th Day Dance Company members. Tap shoes and appropriate dance clothes a must!

CLASS: **Scene Study** **CLASS CODE:** 08-SPSS
AGES: High School-Adult
DATES: Mondays, April 7-May 26; 8 weeks
No class February 18
TIME: 7:00-10:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Grace Fellowship Church
PRICE: \$265
DESCRIPTION: This in-depth class is for adult actors who wish to deepen their understanding of the craft of acting. Using scene work, we will explore character, subtext, relationship, and environment as we intensify our exploration of the actor's process.