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FREE PUBLIC PERFORMANCES OF SUMMER YOUTH CLASSES AT TAPROOT THEATRE **Students perform *The Sound of Music*, *Disney's Aladdin Junior* and more!**

SEATTLE – May 20, 2008 – Join Taproot Theatre Company for free public performances by our Acting Studio students this summer. Many of the Studio's summer camps culminate in exciting productions, including *The Sound of Music*, *Disney's Aladdin Junior* and *The Music Man Junior*, during which the kids and teens can show off what they've learned. (A performance schedule is included in this press release. Additional information about the productions will be updated online as it becomes available: www.taproottheatre.org.)

Productions showcase the talents of participants in Taproot Theatre's Acting Studio summer youth classes. Students spend one to two weeks learning and improving acting techniques taught by some of the region's most talented theatre artists. Classes cover everything from beginning acting techniques to musical theatre to Shakespearean performance. Plays for the final performances are chosen with young artists in mind.

All performances take place on Friday afternoons at Taproot Theatre (204 North 85th Street, Seattle, WA 98103) or Grace Fellowship Church (410 NW 62nd Street, Seattle, 98107). Admission is free, but donations for Taproot's Acting Studio will be accepted.

There's still time to register for students interested in participating in a summer camp. Contact the Acting Studio at 206.529.3670 or studio@taproottheatre.org for more information. A class schedule is available online: www.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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SUMMER 2008 PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Disney's Aladdin Junior

Music by Alan Menken, Lyrics by Howard Ashman and Tim Rice, Book adapted and additional lyrics by Jim Luigs, Music adapted and arranged by Bryan Louiselle. Based on the Screenplay by Ron Clements and John Musker; Ted Elliot and Terry Rossio.

Friday, July 25
3:00 p.m.
at Taproot Theatre

Get whisked off to "A Whole New World" in this adventure-filled adaptation of a Disney classic. Young actors in the Taproot's Musical Theatre Supercamp (session 1) transform Taproot Theatre into Agrabah, where Aladdin, Jasmine, Jafar and Genie all come to life before your eyes.

The Music Man Junior

Based on a story by Meredith Wilson and Franklin Lacey, Book by Meredith Willson, Music and Lyrics by Meredith Willson.

Friday, August 8
3:00 p.m.
at Taproot Theatre

Enjoy such well-known songs as "Seventy-Six Trombones" and "Till There Was You" from the Tony Award-winning Broadway hit. Students in Musical Theatre Supercamp (session 2) culminate a two-week intensive camp by performing an adaptation designed for young performers.

The Sound of Music

By Rodgers and Hammerstein

Friday, August 22
3:00 p.m.
at Taproot Theatre

Revisit the story of Maria and the Von Trapp family in Austria as the skilled young actors from Taproot's Advanced Musical Theatre Supercamp perform an adaptation of this Broadway favorite. You'll hear such classics as "Edelweiss," "My Favorite Things" and The Sound of Music."

Other performances (plays TBA):

Friday, June 27, 1:00 p.m. at Grace Fellowship Church – Creative Dramatics Daycamp & Creative Dramatics Junior Daycamp

Friday, June 27, 3:00 p.m. at Taproot Theatre Company – Musical Theatre Daycamp

Friday, July 11, 3:00 p.m. at Grace Fellowship Church – Youth Summer Showcase

Friday, July 11, 3:00 p.m. at Taproot Theatre Company – Teen Summer Showcase

Friday, July 18, 3:00 p.m. at Taproot Theatre Company – Shakespeare Daycamp

Friday, August 15, 3:00 p.m. at Taproot Theatre Company – Shakespeare Supercamp