

# TAPROOT THEATRE



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## TAPROOT THEATRE SPREADS CHRISTMAS JOY TO CHURCHES WITH HOLIDAY TOURING PRODUCTIONS

SEATTLE – September 28, 2009 – Hundreds of people across Western Washington will experience the wonder of the holiday season when Taproot Theatre’s touring groups bring Christmas plays to churches throughout the region. Taproot Theatre has included Christmas touring in its programming for over 30 years, and this year’s repertoire includes *Foolish Wiseman*, *A Midwinter Evening* and *It’s A Wonderful Improvised Life*. Taproot will perform approximately 60 times from November 30 through December 23. Booking dates are still available at this time.

The season’s centerpiece production, *Foolish Wiseman* by Sean Gaffney, will entertain and inspire as Ogion, the little-known and befuddled fourth wise man, sets out to follow the Bethlehem star. Due to popularity, Taproot Theatre has added a second cast for this show, allowing for multiple performances on the same days.

*A Midwinter Evening* by Josh Hornbeck is the story of a lonely shop owner with a distaste for the Christmas holidays. As Joseph heads home on Christmas Eve after having his shop invaded by carolers, greedy children and impatient church-goers, he encounters a young girl whose joy in the face of difficult circumstances touches his heart, helping him rediscover the true meaning of the holidays.

A familiar story – with never-seen-before twists and turns – will entertain audiences in *It’s A Wonderful Improvised Life*, created by Danny Walter. Using *It’s a Wonderful Life* as a guide, Taproot’s improvisers make every performance unique by soliciting key story elements from the audience’s suggestions. Taproot Theatre will also present *It’s A Wonderful Improvised Life* on the Mainstage after the performances of John Longenbaugh’s *Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Christmas Carol* on December 4, 11 and 18; tickets will be available at the door.

TTC brings these performances to churches for holiday events and parties through December 23. Call 206.529.3669 or e-mail [touring@taproottheatre.org](mailto:touring@taproottheatre.org) to schedule a performance.

### **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. Taproot Theatre is supported by The Charles Simonyi Fund for Arts and Sciences, ArtsFund, 4Culture and Washington State Arts Commission.