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TAPROOT THEATRE EXTENDS ***SMOKE ON THE MOUNTAIN HOMECOMING***

Popular bluegrass gospel musical runs ten additional performances

SEATTLE – August 3, 2009 – Taproot Theatre Company has extended the run of the hit *Smoke on the Mountain Homecoming* through August 22, giving people two more weeks to experience this toe-tappin', knee-slappin', heartwarmin' bluegrass gospel extravaganza. The regional premiere of this musical has been delighting audiences since it opened on July 10.

Smoke on the Mountain Homecoming—written by Connie Ray and conceived by Alan Bailey, with musical arrangements by Mike Craver—is the third installment in the popular Sanders Family series. In this one, the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church is lifting its voice in song again. This time it's 1945. The war is over and the Sanders family has returned to “sing Dennis Sanders in” as the new pastor! All of the favorite characters are back, singin', testifyin' and filling the air with bluegrass, folk and gospel tunes.

The production, directed by Scott Nolte, with musical direction by Edd Key, runs Wednesdays through Saturdays, now through August 22. The cast includes Edd Key, Theresa Holmes, Kevin Brady, David Anthony Lewis, Candace Vance, Brent Ashton and Jenny Cross. The production team includes scenic designer Rick Lorig, sound designer Mark Lund, costume designer Sarah Burch Gordon and lighting designer Richard Schaefer. Debbie Evans serves as stage manager and L. Nicol Cabe as dramaturg.

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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.

***Smoke on the Mountain Homecoming* Extension Fact Sheet**

WHAT: *Smoke on the Mountain Homecoming*

Written by Connie Ray, conceived by Alan Bailey

Musical arrangements by Mike Craver

Directed by Scott Nolte

PLAY DESCRIPTION: Halleluiah, the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church is lifting its voice in song again. This time it's 1945. The war is over and the Sanders family has returned to "sing Dennis Sanders in" as the new pastor of the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church! All of your favorite characters are back, singin', testifyin' and filling the air with bluegrass, folk and gospel tunes to set your hands clappin' and your feet tappin'.

WHEN: Now through August 22.

WHERE: Taproot Theatre, 204 N. 85th St. in Seattle.

TICKETS: Wednesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday matinees, \$26-28; Friday and Saturday evenings, \$30-33; student/senior discount of 10% off regular priced ticket; ages 25 and under, \$10.

For tickets contact Taproot Theatre's box office at (206) 781-9707. 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.	August 5	7:30 p.m.	Post-Play Discussion
Thurs.	August 6	7:30 p.m.	
Fri.	August 7	8:00 p.m.	
Sat.	August 8	2:00 p.m.	
Sat.	August 8	8:00 p.m.	
Wed.	August 12	7:30 p.m.	Extension, Post-Play Discussion
Thurs.	August 13	7:30 p.m.	Extension
Fri.	August 14	8:00 p.m.	Extension
Sat.	August 15	2:00 p.m.	Extension
Sat.	August 15	8:00 p.m.	Extension
Wed.	August 19	7:30 p.m.	Extension, Post-Play Discussion
Thurs.	August 20	7:30 p.m.	Extension
Fri.	August 21	8:00 p.m.	Extension
Sat.	August 22	2:00 p.m.	Extension
Sat.	August 22	8:00 p.m.	Extension, Closing Night