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Taproot Theatre Company announces 2011 Senior Matinees

SEATTLE – September 21, 2010 – Seniors can celebrate Taproot Theatre's 35th Anniversary Season with matinee performances especially for them throughout 2011. With convenient daytime performances of theatrical gems such as *The Odyssey* and *An Ideal Husband*, seniors ages 62 and above have an affordable way to enjoy live theatre. The 2011 Senior Matinees are as follows:

- **THE ODYSSEY – Wednesday, February 16, 2 p.m.** – Voyage across land and sea, through the underworld to the top of Mt. Olympus. Muses and monsters introduce this epic myth of the brave and courageous Odysseus as he valiantly seeks his homeland and the arms of his wife and child. You're sure to recognize yourself in this sometimes comic, sometimes harrowing but always thrilling adventure. Runs February 4-March 5, previews February 2 & 3.
- **THE BEAMS ARE CREAKING – Wednesday, April 6, 2 p.m.** – Germany, 1933: The Nazi party has taken power. In the face of the greatest evil of the 20th century, Dietrich Bonhoeffer battles questions of morality, political allegiance and religious conviction. This true story will keep you on the edge of your seat as a tale of intrigue, conspiracy and high treason unfolds. Runs March 25-April 23, previews March 23 & 24.
- **BROWNIE POINTS – Wednesday, June 1, 2 p.m.** – The girls' club pledge never promised camping would be easy...for the moms. In the late night mayhem of a backwoods campout a storm rages outside, while a squall builds inside the cabin. A touching and often hilarious glimpse into the things that make us who we are and the reasons that they matter. A West Coast premiere. Runs May 20-June 18, previews May 18 & 19.
- **AN IDEAL HUSBAND – Wednesday, October 5, 2 p.m.** – Dandies and diamonds swirl in and out of this comedic classic. Sir Chiltern appears to be the ideal husband, until a choice from early in his career comes back to haunt him. Can he be restored to his adoring wife or will the truth be everyone's undoing? This smart satire sparkles with wit and romance. Runs September 23-October 22, previews September 21 & 22.
- **CHRISTMAS 2011 (Title to be announced) – Wednesday, December 7, 2 p.m.**

All performances are held at Taproot Theatre, which is located at 204 North 85th Street in Seattle's Greenwood neighborhood. The 226-seat theatre is wheelchair accessible and is equipped with assisted listening devices.

Senior Matinee ticket prices range from \$15-20, and go on sale to the public on October 5. For single tickets, call the box office at 206.781.9707. Senior Matinees make a great outing for retirement communities, senior centers, book clubs, church groups and more. For more information or to book your tickets, please contact Group Sales at 206.781.9708. Taproot Theatre also offers a senior discount for all other Mainstage performances.

ABOUT TAPROOT THEATRE COMPANY

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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Taproot Theatre Company's 2011 Season:

The Odyssey

By Homer, adapted and originally directed by Mary Zimmerman, adapted from the translation of *The Odyssey* by Robert Fitzgerald

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The Beams are Creaking

By Douglas Anderson

March 25-April 23, previews March 23 & 24

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Brownie Points – West Coast Premiere

By Janece Shaffer

May 20-June 18, previews May 18 & 19

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Something's Afoot

Book, music & lyrics by James McDonald, David Vos & Robert Gerlach, additional music & musical consultation by Ed Linderman

July 15-August 13, previews July 13 & 14

"The butler didn't do it!" So starts this murder-mystery musical that has been delighting audiences for decades. When wealthy Lord Rancour is found dead at his lakeside estate, the race to find out whodunnit begins. Filled with booby-traps and belted songs this hilarious spoof hums along as you play armchair detective to a zany cast of characters.

An Ideal Husband

By Oscar Wilde

September 23-October 22, previews September 21 & 22

Dandies and diamonds swirl in and out of this comedic classic. Sir Chiltern appears to be the ideal husband, until a choice from early in his career comes back to haunt him. Can he be restored to his adoring wife or will the truth be everyone's undoing? This smart satire sparkles with wit and romance.