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## **Taproot Theatre hosts two free events at Greenwood Library during Arts Crush**

### **Drama Queens, Pirates, Toddlers and Parents—there's something for everyone!**

SEATTLE – September 8, 2010 – What happens when you get a whole bunch of children and parents in the room with some actors and drama teachers? A whole lot of fun along with learning and bonding. Taproot Theatre Company hosts two free events at the Greenwood Library this October as part of Arts Crush, the month-long festival highlighting various forms of art across the region. Mark your calendars for October 19 for an engaging and dynamic drama class for toddlers and their parents or caregivers, and October 23 for a free performance of *Treasure Ally* by Taproot Theatre's Road Company.

On Tuesday, October 19, at 11 a.m., Taproot Theatre's Acting Studio will present a free session of its popular **Drama with Your Mama**. Originating from an idea that drama can help nurture creativity along with social, physical and vocal awareness in toddlers, Taproot's Acting Studio created this fun and engaging class that guides parents or caregivers and their little ones (ages 1 to 3 years old) in creative play and theatre games.

Then on Saturday, October 23, at 11 a.m., Taproot Theatre's Road Company presents a free performance of *Treasure Ally*, one of its brand-new educational touring shows. *Treasure Ally* will entertain students (and their parents!) while teaching them valuable lessons about bullying. The good ship Buccaneer has a bad case of the bullies, and it's much worse than our hero Louis ever experienced on the playground. The pirate captain calls him names and won't even let him off the ship in time to get to class! And that's not all; it turns out the captain is being bullied himself. Can Louis and his fellow crew members teach their captain a few things about standing up to bullies before the

next full moon? Or will Captain No-Beard come to pick on them and steal their map to the treasure?

Appropriate for all ages, especially children and their families!

#### **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's Arts Crush Fact Sheet**

#### **Free Drama with Your Mama class from Taproot Theatre's Acting Studio**

**WHEN:** October 19, 2010, 11:00 a.m.

**WHERE:** Greenwood Library, 8016 Greenwood Avenue North, Seattle, WA 98103-4282

**ABOUT:** It's never too early to introduce children to the world of theatre! Taproot Theatre's Acting Studio offers a free session of Drama with Your Mama, a popular new class for toddlers (ages 1 to 3 years old) and their parents or caretakers. This class will engage you and your young one with creative play, movement and theatre games. The focus is on social, physical and vocal awareness, in a warm, nurturing and FUN environment! Your little one will build confidence and explore their imagination. This class is perfect for the 1-3 year-old and their caregiver. Dressing up and silliness is welcome!

#### **Free performance of "Treasure Ally" from Taproot Theatre's Road Company**

**WHEN:** October 23, 2010, 11:00 a.m.

**WHERE:** Greenwood Library, 8016 Greenwood Avenue North, Seattle, WA 98103-4282

**ABOUT:** Swashbuckling scallywag! The good ship Buccaneer has a bad case of the bullies, and it's much worse than our hero Louis ever experienced on the playground. Taproot Theatre's Road Company will present a free performance of Treasure Ally at the Greenwood Library on October 23. Treasure Ally is one of its brand-new educational touring shows, and will entertain students (and their parents!) while teaching them valuable lessons about bullying. The pirate captain calls our hero names and won't even let him off the ship in time to get to class! And that's not all; it turns out the captain is being bullied himself. Can Louis and his fellow crew members teach their captain a few things about standing up to bullies before the next full moon? Or will Captain No-Beard come to pick on them and steal their map to the treasure?