

# TAPROOT THEATRE



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## **LONGENBAUGH'S *SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE CASE OF THE CHRISTMAS CAROL* TO PREMIERE AT TAPROOT THEATRE COMPANY**

**Delayed by arson in 2009, world premiere comes to Taproot Theatre this year**

SEATTLE – July 8, 2010 – Taproot Theatre announces the highly-anticipated world premiere of *Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Christmas Carol*, coming to its stage this November and December. Taproot's 2009 production of the play by Seattle writer John Longenbaugh was brought to a halt just four days after the first rehearsal when an arsonist set fire to the building adjacent to the theatre on October 23.

The original cast from the planned 2009 production returns for this world premiere. Terry Moore takes the stage as our hero, Sherlock Holmes, joined by David Dorrian, Aaron Lamb, Pam Nolte, Jesse Notehelfer, Eric Riedmann and Alex Robertson. Steve Grenley joins the cast as Watson.

These then are the facts: The year, 1894. The date, Christmas Eve. The location, 221B Baker Street. After being presumed dead for three years, a hardened Sherlock Holmes resurfaces, turning his back on the people who need him most. Three unexpected callers arrive on Christmas Eve uncovering clues from the detective's past, present and future. Can they save Holmes and his world from a dire end? They must "do it all in one night" to accomplish the task.

Tickets go on sale to the public on October 5; 2010 subscribers may preorder their tickets with their 2010 subscription renewal.

### **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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