

Taproot Theatre extends comedy *Room Service*

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by director Karen Lund, features an able cast..."
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SEATTLE, WA – February 16, 2017 – Taproot Theatre is extending the comedy *Room Service* through March 11 due to popular demand. Additional performances have been added on March 9 at 7:30 PM, March 10 at 8:00 PM and March 11 at 2:00 PM and 8:00 PM. Single tickets for all performances through March 11 are available online at taproottheatre.org, by phone at 206.781.9707 or in person at 204 N 85th St. Group tickets are available for groups of 8 or more by calling 206.781.9708 or by visiting taproottheatre.org/group-sales/.

Madcap mishaps and little lies take on lives of their own as a theatrical troupe chases their dream of Broadway. Or Off-Broadway. Make that Off-Off-Broadway. Laugh yourself silly with this hit comedy that inspired a Marx Brothers classic.

Director Karen Lund has most recently helmed *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, *Cotton Patch Gospel*, *Silent Sky* and *Godspell*. She is currently serving as the President of the Board of Directors for Theatre Puget Sound.

The cast includes **Laura Lee Caudill** (Ghostlight Theatricals' *Chorestia*) as Hilda Manney, **Eric Hampton** (*Mark of Immediacy*) as Faker Englund, **Melanie Hampton** (*Dracula*) as Christine Marlowe, **Erwin Galán** (Sound Theatre Company's *The Last Days of Judas Iscariot*) as Gordon Miller, **Bill Johns** (*The Explorers Club*) as Sasha Smirnoff/Dr. Glass/Bank Messenger/Senator Blake, **Kim Morris** (*Silent Sky*) as Sylvia Jenkins/Thelma Hogarth, **Christopher Morson** (*A Charlie Brown Christmas*) as Leo Davis, **Mike Spee** (*Godspell*) as Joseph Gribble, **Daniel Stoltenberg** (*The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge*) as Harry Binion and **Nikki Visel** (*The God Game*) as Gladys Wagner.

The production team includes **Mark Lund** (*The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge*), scenic/sound design; **Nanette Acosta** (*Joyful Noise*), costume design; **Amanda Sweger** (*Silent Sky*), lighting design; **Abigail Pishaw** (*A Charlie Brown Christmas*), stage manager; **Andrea Spraycar** (*Joyful Noise*), props master; **Baylie Heims** (*Cotton Patch Gospel*), dramaturg; and **Benjamin Wippel** (*Big Fish*), dialect coach.

Following *Room Service* is the World Premiere production of Katie Forgette's *Evidence of Things Unseen* on Taproot Theatre's Jewell Mainstage. The drama will star Michael Winters (*Gilmore Girls*), Jenny Vaughn Hall (TTC's *Best of Enemies*), Christine Marie Brown (*Village*

Theatre's *Mary Poppins*) and Chip Wood (Sound Theatre Company's *Parade*). Single tickets for this production are on sale; the drama will run March 29 - April 29, 2017.

SPECIAL DATES FOR THE AUDIENCE

Post-Play Discussions: TTC staff and cast members will join the audience to discuss the play and its production process. Post-play discussions are held after every Wednesday evening performance.

Senior Matinee: March 1 at 2:00pm; Our Senior Matinee program provides anyone aged 62 and older with an affordable way to participate in live theatre in convenient daytime performance.

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WHEN: February 1 – March 11, 2017 • Wed/Thur, 7:30 pm; Fri/Sat, 8:00 pm; Sat matinee, 2:00 pm

Dates to note:

Midweek Matinees: March 1 at 2:00pm

Post-play Discussions: Wednesday night's following performances

WHERE: Taproot Theatre Company's Jewell Mainstage Theatre, 204 N 85th St, Seattle, WA 98103

TICKETS: Single tickets are on sale online at www.taproottheatre.org, by phone at 206.781.9707 or in person at 204 N 85th St. Tickets range from \$27-47, depending on the performance. Taproot offers a \$5 senior/student discount off regularly priced tickets (excludes previews or specially priced performances). Tickets for the Midweek Matinees are \$20 and cannot be purchased online. Discounts are available for groups of 8 or more by visiting www.taproottheatre.org/group-sales/ or by calling 206.781.9708. Tickets for the PWYC performance are available day of show at the Box Office window; contact the box office for details.

AGE RECOMMENDATION: 12 & up

PHOTOS: Press photos for *Room Service* are available at <http://taproottheatre.org/press-photos-for-room-service/>. Password: press2017. (This link and password are not to be published.)

CAST (in alphabetical order)

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Erwin Galán	<i>Gordon Miller</i>
Eric Hampton	<i>Faker Englund</i>
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Bill Johns	<i>Sasha Smirnoff/Dr. Glass/Bank Messenger/Senator Blake</i>
Kim Morris	<i>Sylvia Jenkins/Thelma Hogarth</i>
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Daniel Stoltenberg	<i>Harry Binion</i>
Nikki Visel	<i>Gladys Wagner</i>

PRODUCTION CREW

Karen Lund	<i>Director</i>
Mark Lund	<i>Scenic & Sound Design</i>
Amanda Sweger	<i>Lighting Design</i>
Nanette Acosta	<i>Costume Design</i>
Andrea Spraycar	<i>Props Master</i>
Abigail Pishaw	<i>Stage Manager</i>
Baylie Heims	<i>Dramaturg</i>
Benjamin Wippel	<i>Dialect Coach</i>

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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 Jewell Mainstage Productions, Isaac Studio Theatre Productions, Touring Productions and the Acting Studio. Taproot Theatre Company creates theatre experiences to brighten the spirit, engage the mind and deepen the understanding of the world around us while inspiring imagination, conversation and hope. Taproot Theatre Company is a member of Theatre Communications Group (TCG), Theatre Puget Sound (TPS) and Phinney Ridge Neighborhood Association (PNA).

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