

Taproot Theatre Presents Musical *The Spitfire Grill*

March 23– April 30, 2022

OPENING MARCH 25, 2022 8:00PM – Run Dates March 23 – April 30, 2022 •
Tues/Wed/Thur, 7:30 PM; Fri/Sat, 8:00 PM; Sat matinee, 2:00 PM

SEATTLE, WA – February 17, 2022 – Taproot Theatre Company is thrilled to announce the upcoming musical, *The Spitfire Grill*, opening March 25, 2022.

Percy is fresh out of prison and searching for a new life when she arrives in Gilead and meets Hannah, who is ready to leave The Spitfire Grill behind. After Percy convinces Hannah to run a contest and raffle off the grill, entries start pouring in from around the country and rumors and secrets swirl through the once picture-perfect town. In this soul-stirring musical, forgiveness and a spirit of hope go a long way in pointing the way home.

Former Producing Artistic Director Scott Nolte directs a cast of Marlette Buchanan, Sarah Garcia, Kelly Karcher, Pam Nolte, Brian Pucheu, Fune Tautala, and Chip Wood.

Tickets go on sale on February 15. Tickets will be available online at taproottheatre.org, by phone 206.781.9707 (Tue-Sat, noon-5:00 PM) or in person at 204 N 85th St. Ticket prices range from \$25-52 with discounts available for students, seniors, active military, 25 & Under and TeenTix. Discounts are also available for groups of 8 or more by calling 206.781.9708 or by visiting taproottheatre.org/group-sales.

SPECIAL DATES FOR THE AUDIENCE

Intergenerational Matinees: March 30 and April 6 (limited availability) at 10:30 AM; With \$10 student/chaperone tickets, printed educational play guides, and a guided post-play discussion, our Intergenerational Matinee enhances student education, providing theatre as a tool and springboard for learning, growth and communication. Senior ticket price: \$20.

Pay What You Can (PWYC): March 30 at 7:30 PM; a limited number of \$10 tickets are available at noon, tickets may be purchased in person or by phone (card fees may apply). Beginning at 5:00 PM, tickets are name-your-own-price; these tickets may be purchased in person only. Limit 4 tickets per person. Seating for PWYC performances is General Admission, there is no reserved seating. If you have accessible seating needs please call the Box Office directly.

Senior Matinees: March 29 and April 20 at 2:00 PM; Our Senior Matinee program provides anyone aged 62 and older with an affordable way to participate in live theatre in convenient daytime performance. Both performances will feature a post-play discussion, immediately following the show.

THE SPITFIRE GRILL FACT SHEET

WHAT: Taproot Theatre Company presents *The Spitfire Grill* with music and book by James Valcq, lyrics and book by Fred Alley, based on the film by Lee David Zlotoff. *Percy is fresh out of prison and searching for a new life when she arrives in Gilead and meets Hannah, who is ready to leave The Spitfire Grill behind. After Percy convinces Hannah to run a contest and raffle off the grill, entries start pouring in from around the country and rumors and secrets swirl through the once picture-perfect town. In this soul-stirring musical, forgiveness and a spirit of hope go a long way in pointing the way home.*

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Dates to note:

Previews: March 23 and 24, 7:30 PM

Opening Night: March 25, 8:00 PM

Intergenerational Matinees: March 30 and April 6, 10:30 AM

Pay What You Can: March 30, 7:30 PM

Midweek Matinees: March 29 and April 20 at 2:00 PM (*limited availability*)

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

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AGE RECOMMENDATION: 12+

CAST

Marlette Buchanan*	<i>Effy Krayneck</i>
Sarah Garcia	<i>Percy Talbott</i>
Kelly Karcher*	<i>Shelby Thorpe</i>
Pam Nolte	<i>Hannah Ferguson</i>
Brian Pucheu	<i>Caleb Thorpe</i>
Fune Tautala	<i>Sheriff Joe Sutter</i>
Chip Wood	<i>The Visitor</i>

BAND

Michael Matlock	<i>Keyboard and Conductor</i>
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Anthony Pooley	<i>Guitar and Mandolin</i>
Matthew Tevenan	<i>Cello</i>
Valerie Tung	<i>Violin</i>

PRODUCTION

Scott Lund**	<i>Director</i>
Michael Nutting	<i>Co-Music Director</i>
R.J. Tancioco	<i>Co-Music Director</i>
Richard Lorig	<i>Scenic Design</i>
Jocelyne Fowler	<i>Costume Design</i>
Andy Duff	<i>Lighting Design</i>
Mark Lund	<i>Sound Design</i>
Rik Deskin*	<i>Stage Manager</i>
Sonja Lowe	<i>Dramaturg</i>
Gin Hammond	<i>Dialect Coach</i>

**Member of Actor's Equity Association.*

***Member of the Stage Directors and Choreographers Society*

PHOTOS: Press photos will be available online soon at <http://taproottheatre.org/for-the-press/> > Jewell Mainstage Theatre > The Spitfire Grill. (*This link is not to be published.*)

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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 tells stories of hope, serving the Pacific Northwest through live theatre and educational programs. Taproot Theatre Company is a member of Theatre Communications Group (TCG), Theatre Puget Sound (TPS) and Phinney Ridge Neighborhood Association (PNA).

Karen Lund, *Producing Artistic Director*
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