

Taproot Theatre marks 46-year birthday during Women's History Month with women at the helm

Greenwood theatre was founded in March 1976

SEATTLE, WA – March 11, 2022 – During this Women's History Month, Taproot Theatre Company moves into its 46th year of serving Seattle audiences with stories of hope with a leadership team composed predominately of women. When Taproot was founded in March 1976, three of the six co-founders were women, and women have played a large role in both the administrative and artistic sides of the theatre over the decades.

Producing Artistic Director **Karen Lund** has been a longtime member of the Taproot staff. She operated as Associate Artistic Director until former Producing Artistic Director Scott Nolte retired at the end of 2020. Lund now leads a leadership cabinet in which five of the six members are women: **Gina Cavallo** (Director of Development), **Lindsey Long** (Director of Education & Outreach), **Ariel Bradler** (Director of Finance and Operations), and **Nikki Visel** (Director of Marketing). Mark Lund (Director of Production) rounds out the cabinet.

Taproot Theatre tells stories of hope, serving the Pacific Northwest through live theatre and educational programs. Believing in the worthiness of every person, Taproot's values shine through its tagline: "We Value Faith. We Respect People. We Celebrate Theatre." As the theatre strives to infuse its staff and its stage with equity and diversity of every kind, this is one example of the theatre living out its values.

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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).

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