

EXTENDED: Agatha Christie's *Black Coffee* at Taproot Theatre

Now playing through August 19, 2022

SEATTLE, WA – August 19, 2022 – Taproot Theatre Company is extending its summer production, Agatha Christie's *Black Coffee*, through August 19. The murder mystery, directed by Marianne Savell, has proven to be an audience favorite since its opening on July 15, 2022. The theatre reopened to live in-person audiences after the pandemic in November 2021, and this extension marks the first time since reopening that the theatre has added performances to a run.

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Marianne Savell directs Nathan Brockett, Justine Yu-Ping Davis, Samuel Johns, Tyler Kimmel, Claire Marx, Kim Morris, Nolan Palmer, James Schilling, Richard Nguyen Sloniker, and Michael Winters.

Tickets are 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 members. Discounts are also available for groups of 8 or more by calling 206.781.9708 or by visiting taproottheatre.org/group-sales.

BLACK COFFEE FACT SHEET

WHAT: Taproot Theatre Company presents *Black Coffee* by Agatha Christie. *The formula for a secret weapon has been stolen, and that isn't the only mystery in the Amory house! When Sir Claude discovers the theft, he locks his family in the library. Moments later there's a dead body, a room full of suspects, and a Belgian sleuth at the door. Witness the famous Hercule Poirot untangle a jumble of deceptions to discover whodunit.*

WHEN: Now through August 19, 2022 • Wed/Thur, 7:30 PM; Fri/Sat, 8:00 PM; Sat matinee, 2:00 PM

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

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AGE RECOMMENDATION: 12+

CAST

Michael Winters	<i>Sir Claud Amory, Dr. Graham, Inspector Japp</i>
Nolan Palmer	<i>Tredwell (the butler), Johnson (a constable)</i>
James Schilling	<i>Richard Amory</i>
Justine Yu-Ping Davis	<i>Lucia Amory (Richard's wife)</i>
Kim Morris	<i>Miss Caroline Amory</i>
Claire Marx	<i>Barbara Amory (Sir Claud's niece)</i>
Richard Nguyen Sloniker	<i>Hercule Poirot a Belgian detective)</i>
Nathan Brockett	<i>Captain Arthur Hastings, O.B.E. (his assistant)</i>
Tyler Kimmel	<i>Edward Raynor (Sir Claud's secretary)</i>
Samuel Johns	<i>Dr. Carelli</i>

Bill Johns	Understudy Sir Claud, Sr. Graham, Japp
Teri Lee Thomas	Understudy Miss Caroline Amory
Nick Watson	Understudy Richard, Dr. Carelli, Capt. Hastings
Jessica Ziegelbauer	Understudy Barbara Amory, Lucia Amory
Nolan Palmer	Understudy Poirot

PRODUCTION

Marianne Savell**	Director
Mark Lund	Scenic & Sound Design
Chris Tschirgi^	Costume Design
Chih-Hung Shao	Lighting Design
Jeffrey K. Hanson*	Stage Manager
Rowan Gallagher	Dramaturg
Accent/Dialect Coach	Katya Davida

**Member of Actor's Equity*

***Member of Stage Directors and Choreographers Society*

^Member of US Scenic Artist Local 829

PHOTOS: Press photos are available online at <http://taproottheatre.org/for-the-press/> > Jewell Mainstage Theatre > Black Coffee. (*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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