

Photographer Robert Wade Gives Talk at Taproot Theatre During Opening Weekend of *A Night with the Russells: The Legacy of Us*

Wade's photography is on exhibit in Taproot's Kendall Center Lobby through November 5, 2022

SEATTLE, WA – September 20, 2022 – Photographer Robert Wade gives an artist talk at Taproot Theatre on Saturday, September 24, 2022 at 12:30 during the Phinneywood Art Walk. A selection of Wade's photography is on display in Taproot Theatre's Kendall Center Lobby in an exhibit called *Us*, now through November 5, 2022. The exhibit corresponds to Taproot's current production, *A Night with the Russells: The Legacy of Us*.

Wade has expressed his fascination with the human image over the last six decades through portraits both posed and candid, in black and white and color, in groups and individually. Throughout his work, Robert finds the heart of the subject and manages to bring to the surface a complex reflection of who we think they might really be.

The works reflect his travels to Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and throughout the United States. They tell the stories of our quiet home life, our social gatherings, our shared cultural experiences, our fight for justice, our joys and uncertainties – our lives.

In the tradition of 20th century photographers like Gordon Parks, Robert Capa, and Elliott Erwitt, Robert Wade shows us our community of humans in a way that makes us feel like we know them, like they're walking around our neighborhood, like we all belong together.

"With a smile or a glance, the subjects of Robert's photographs open the door to their lives, but only so far," says the exhibit's curator, Gina Cavallo, who is also Taproot's Director of Development. "Though we might not learn their whole story, they spark a curiosity that allows us to wander our own creative story path in search of the whole person we think we see. They inspire us to know us."

View more works by Robert Wade at Koplín Del Río Gallery in Georgetown or RobertWadePhoto.com. Works in the exhibition are available for sale, mounted as shown, framed or unframed. Please contact the artist to purchase, robert@robertwadephoto.com.

ABOUT A NIGHT WITH THE RUSSELLS: THE LEGACY OF US:

Taproot Theatre Company production, *A Night with the Russells: The Legacy of Us* with stories and songs performed by Seattle's own Faith Bennett Russell, Be Russell, and Sarah Russell, is directed by Jimmy Shields with music direction by Aaron M. Davis Norman and runs through October 22, 2022.

An evening of laughter, love, and unrelenting joy! Seattle's own Sarah, Be, and Faith Bennett Russell carry on their family's legacy as storytellers, while celebrating their individual journeys as Black female artists. From their roots in Jamaica to their home in Seattle, this cabaret is filled with songs both new and old. Bring your tissues and party-poppers and prepare to leave with a song in your heart.

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.

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

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