

# Taproot Theatre Announces 2024 Season, *Friends & Families*

Featuring five plays celebrating the way we're all better when we're  
together

**SEATTLE, WA** – July 31, 2023 – Taproot Theatre Company is thrilled to announce its 2024 Jewell Mainstage Season, titled *Friends & Families*. The 5-play season features *Friends & Families* bringing out the very best in each other. Marvel as the power of friendship accomplishes the impossible in ***The Book of Will*** and ***Sister Act***. Revel in the extraordinariness of seemingly ordinary families in ***How to Write a New Book for the Bible*** and ***A Raisin in the Sun***. And sit back and enjoy the mystery of ***Sherlock Holmes and the Precarious Position***, while witnessing one of the most recognizable friendships in literature.

The 2024 Jewell Mainstage Season starts in January with ***The Book of Will*** by Lauren Gunderson (January 24 – February 24, 2024).

*Shakespeare is dead. But in an act of undying devotion, his dearest friends rally to keep his plays alive by publishing every word he wrote, before time erases them forever. This irreverent and entertaining tale celebrates storytelling, community, and an unselfish act that changed the world forever. For booklovers and history buffs, and anyone whose love has inspired them to persevere.*

Next on the Jewell Mainstage, is ***How to Write a New Book for the Bible*** by Bill Cain (March 20 – April 20, 2024).

*"Write what you know" the saying goes. But when Bill Cain moves home to help his dying mother, he doesn't have the words to capture the mystery of his own family. Amidst doctor appointments and baseball games he begins to see how seemingly ordinary details become the lifegiving rituals that shape our lives.*

In the spring comes ***Sherlock Holmes and the Precarious Position*** by Margaret Raether, based on the stories of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (May 15 – June 15, 2024)

*Corsets, crowns, and a missing royal jewel set the stage for a battle of wits in this tale of deception, suspense, and deduction. When the bookish Perkins sisters approach Sherlock Holmes with a case, they unveil a theatrical scheme of encyclopedic proportions. 4 actors play multiple characters and the mystery turns deadly.*

The divine musical-comedy ***Sister Act*** with music by Alan Menken, lyrics by Glenn Slater, and book by Cheri Steinkellner and Bill Steinkellner comes to the stage in the summer (July 10 – August 10).

*A feel-good musical comedy like “nun” other! Delores dreams of fame and fortune, but after witnessing a murder she lands in protective custody. Being disguised as a nun can’t cramp her style, and soon she’s inspired the whole choir. Featuring original music by Tony and Oscar winner Alan Menken (Newsies, Little Mermaid, Aladdin)!*

Closing out the season, Taproot stages Lorraine Hansberry’s classic, **A Raisin in the Sun** (September 18 – October 19).

*An American classic! A life insurance payout provides a path for Lena Younger to move her Black family from their cramped apartment to an affordable home in a historically white neighborhood. But racial intolerance threatens to turn their American dream into heartbreak. This 1959 masterpiece “changed American theater forever” (New York Times) and continues to resonate in our hearts today.*

## **2024 Jewell Mainstage Season Fact Sheet**

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**WHEN:** Taproot’s 2024 Jewell Mainstage Season runs January through October 2024. Performances are Wednesday/Thursday/Friday/Saturday at 7:30 PM and Saturday matinees at 2:00 PM. Select Midweek Matinee dates are available for each production.

**WHERE:** Taproot Theatre Company’s Jewell Mainstage Theatre, 204 N 85<sup>th</sup> St, Seattle, WA 98103

**SUBSCRIPTIONS:** 2023 Subscribers may renew their current subscription until September 15, 2023. New subscriptions for the 2023 Jewell Mainstage Season start at \$84.99 and go on sale October 2, 2023. Subscriptions may be purchased online at [taproottheatre.org/subscribe](http://taproottheatre.org/subscribe), by mail or by dropping off a subscription form at the Taproot Theatre Box Office at 204 N 85<sup>th</sup> St. No discounts are available on subscriptions.

**SINGLE TICKETS:** Single tickets go on in the months leading up to each production

**SEASON GRAPHICS COMING SOON:** <http://taproottheatre.org/for-the-press/> > Jewell Mainstage Season > 2024 Season. *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).

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