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Beloved detective Hercule Poirot returns in Taproot Theatre's regional premiere of *Murder on the Links*

Steven Dietz brings Agatha Christie's classic novel to the stage in this comic murder mystery

SEATTLE, WA—May 8, 2025—Taproot Theatre presents a regional premiere of [*Murder on the Links*](#), renowned playwright Steven Dietz's theatrical adaptation of Agatha Christie's iconic mystery. This murderously funny production runs **July 9–August 9** in Taproot's **Jewell Mainstage Theatre** (204 N 85th St, Seattle, WA 98103).

After receiving an urgent plea from a stranger, Hercule Poirot whisks himself to the French seaside only to arrive a day too late. Paul Renauld has been found dead, and the scene of the crime is a golf course. Poirot sets out to solve the murder, uncovering a web of deception, hidden identities, and old grudges.

Agathie Christie enthusiasts and mystery fans can enjoy the adventure of Steven Dietz's highly theatrical storytelling. "Solving a murder mystery requires detectives to take a risk and commit to adventure. Performing live theatre requires actors to take a risk and commit to adventure," said Producing Artistic Director **Karen Lund**. "In Steven Dietz's *Murder on the Links*, all the risks are worth it, and the resulting adventure is just plain fun."

The production stars **Richard Nguyen Sloniker** as Hercule Poirot and **Nathan Brockett** as Captain Hastings, reprising their roles from Taproot's *Black Coffee* in 2022. **Jeff Allen Pierce** plays the role of Actor One, returning this season after *Lewis & Tolkien*, and **Besty Mugavero** makes her Taproot debut as Actor Two. Rounding out the cast are **Tyler Todd Kimmel** as Actor Three, who also returns after *Black Coffee*, and **Claire Marx** as Actor Four, who recently directed music for *Always... Patsy Cline*.

Performance Information:

Run time: Approximately two hours with one 15-minute intermission.

Age recommendation: 14+ (children under 5 are not allowed, including babes in arms).

Special Dates:

Previews: Wednesday, July 9 at 7:30 PM and Thursday, July 10 at 7:30 PM

Opening Night: Friday, July 11 at 7:30 PM

Weekend Matinees: Saturday, July 12, 19, 26; August 2, 9 at 2:00 PM

Weekday Matinees: Tuesday, July 15 at 2:00 PM and Wednesday, July 30 at 2:00 PM

Pay What You Can: Wednesday, July 16 at 7:30 PM

Ticket Information:

Online at taproottheatre.org/murder

By phone at 206.781.9707

By email at box@taproottheatre.org

In-person at 204 N 85th St, Seattle, WA 98103

Price: \$25–62, dependent on performance date and time; fees may apply.

Discounts available for students, seniors, military, 25 & under, and TeenTix members.

For a full list of performance dates and more information, please visit taproottheatre.org/murder.

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, Isaac Studio Theatre, touring productions, as well as Acting Studio camps, classes, and programs for youth and adults. Taproot Theatre Company is a member of Theatre Communications Group, Theatre Puget Sound, and the Phinney Neighborhood Association.

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