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Taproot Theatre's *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* extends two weeks, celebrating the community support that made it possible

This uniquely reimagined production opens tonight as HVAC renovations near completion

SEATTLE, WA — July 10, 2026 — Taproot Theatre opens **Andrew Lloyd Webber** and **Tim Rice's** beloved musical *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* tonight, announcing a two-week extension. Due to generous community support and HVAC renovations near completion, the theatre can confidently move forward with its summer programming.

When Taproot experienced a devastating copper wire theft and vandalism, both *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and summer camps were threatened. Now, after the success of the theatre's **Together with Taproot** fundraising campaign, Taproot's HVAC system is functional and summer programming has surpassed expectations.

"We went from thinking that our summer programming might be postponed or canceled entirely to being able to announce a two-week extension for *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*—before it even opens!" Producing Artistic Director **Karen Lund** said. "Because of our incredible community, we actually get to do more of the things we love, including welcoming over 400 students in for our summer Acting Studio camps."

Now running through August 29, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* returns to Taproot for the first time in nearly 20 years—this time with a unique summer camp theme. Associate Artistic Director **Brettney Beverly** directs this year's production with beloved Seattle artists playing camp counselors telling the story of Joseph.

"Our production of *Joseph* is both a celebration of our legacy and a gift to the community that has sustained and inspired us for five decades," Beverly said. "One of the most meaningful elements of our production is the coat itself, which will incorporate the hopes and dreams of our community."

On May 23, Taproot launched its **Community Wishes Project**, which invited community members to submit their hopes, inspirations, and wishes to the theatre. Select responses will be incorporated into the design of the Technicolor dreamcoat featured in Taproot's production. "With this, the coat becomes more than a costume; it becomes a living symbol of the people, stories, and generations that continue to shape Taproot Theatre," Beverly said.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat stars **CJ Lorentz** as Joseph, Jacob's favorite son who is gifted with prophetic dreams. The production also stars **Cassi Q Kohl**, returning after *The Hello Girls*, and **Cayman Ilika**, returning after *Always... Patsy Cline*, who share the role of the guiding Narrator (Kohl: 7/8–8/8; Ilika: 8/12–8/29). Rounding out the cast is **Danny Kam** as Reuben, **Tarquinn White** as Pharaoh, **Hannah Schuerman** as Simeon, **Cherisse Martinelli** as Mrs. Potiphar, **Chailia Wendland** as Naphtali, **Keoni Dilay** as Potiphar, and **Elijah Yale** as Jacob and Baker. The cast is also supported by a youth ensemble and four band members, and music directed by **R.J. Tancioco** and choreographed by **Charlie Johnson**.

Synopsis: Joseph is a dreamer. Betrayed and enslaved, he rises again with faith, forgiveness, and a dazzlingly colorful coat. Set against the backdrop of a summer camp, this beloved family-friendly tale bursts with pop, gospel, calypso, and rock. Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's musical comedy classic invites all generations to experience a vibrant, heartfelt celebration of hope.

Performance Information:

Dates: July 8–August 29, 2026

Location: Taproot's Jewell Mainstage Theatre (204 N 85th St, Seattle, WA 98103)

Age Recommendation: 10+ (children under 5 are not admitted, including babes in arms)

Run Time: Approximately two hours including one 20-minute intermission.

Special Dates:

Opening Night: Friday, July 10 at 7:30 PM

Pay What You Can: Wednesday, July 15 at 7:30 PM

Closed Captioned: Wednesday, August 5 at 2:00 PM

Ticket Information:

Online at taproottheatre.org/joseph

By phone at 206.781.9707

By email at box@taproottheatre.org

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

Price: \$35–\$74 (fees not included)

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/joseph.

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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