

Oscar Wilde's classic comedy *Lady Windermere's Fan* plays at Taproot Theatre

SEATTLE, WA – January 29, 2018 – Taproot Theatre invites you to the play of the season when Oscar Wilde's *Lady Windermere's Fan* plays May 16 through June 23. The enduring comedy about a good woman and her fan will feature Maya Burton as the titular Lady Windermere, with direction by Karen Lund. Single tickets are available online at taproottheatre.org, by phone at 206.781.9707 or in person at 204 N 85th St. Discounts are available for seniors/students, ages 25 and under, and groups of 8 or more.

It's the party of the social season, but instead of celebrating, Lady Windermere suspects her husband is having an affair with a mysterious and beautiful stranger. As rumors swirl and secrets are revealed, the Windermere's lives are upended and threatened to end in disgrace. This comedy classic from Oscar Wilde will charm you with its cleverness and wit.

Karen Lund has proven her comedy chops directing productions of *The Explorers Club*, *Jeeves in Bloom*, *An Ideal Husband*, *The Importance of Being Earnest* and more for Taproot Theatre. Lund also serves as Taproot's Associate Artistic Director and is the President of the Board of Directors for Theatre Puget Sound.

The cast features **Maya Burton** (Taproot Theatre's *A Civil War Christmas*) as Lady Windermere, **Aaron Lamb** (Village Theatre's *The 39 Steps*) as Lord Windermere and **Faith Bennett Russell** (Seattle Public Theatre's *Grand Concourse*) as Mrs. Erlynne. Remaining cast to be announced.

Following *Lady Windermere's Fan* is the West Coast Premiere of *Sweet Land*, playing July 11 – August 18, 2018. Karen Lund will return to direct following her success with 2017's *Persuasion*.

SPECIAL DATES FOR THE AUDIENCE

Post-Play Discussions: TTC staff and cast members will join the audience to discuss the play and its production process. Post-play discussions are held after every Wednesday performance and after the Midweek Matinee performances on May 22 at 2:00 PM (*limited availability*) and May 30 at 10:30 AM and June 13 at 2:00 PM.

Pay What You Can (PWYC): May 23 at 7:30 PM; a limited number of \$10 tickets are available at noon, tickets may be purchased in person or by phone (card fees may apply). Beginning at 5:00 PM, tickets are name-your-own-price; these tickets may be purchased in person only. Limit 4 tickets per person. Seating for PWYC performances is General Admission, there is no reserved seating. If you have accessible seating needs please call the Box Office directly.

Intergenerational Matinee: May 30 at 10:30 AM (*with guided post-play discussion*); With \$10 student/chaperone tickets, play guides and a guided post-play discussion, our Intergenerational

Matinee enhances student education, providing theatre as a tool and springboard for learning, growth and communication.

Senior Matinees: May 22 (*with post-play discussion, limited availability*) & June 13 (*with post-play discussion*) at 2:00 PM; Our Senior Matinee program provides anyone aged 62 and older with an affordable way to participate in live theatre in convenient daytime performance.

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LADY WINDERMERE'S FAN FACT SHEET

WHAT: Taproot Theatre Company presents *Lady Windermere's Fan* by Oscar Wilde. It's the party of the social season, but instead of celebrating, Lady Windermere suspects her husband is having an affair with a mysterious and beautiful stranger. As rumors swirl and secrets are revealed, the Windermere's lives are upended and threatened to end in disgrace. This comedy classic from Oscar Wilde will charm you with its cleverness and wit.

WHEN: May 16 – June 23, 2018 • Wed/Thur, 7:30 PM; Fri/Sat, 8:00 PM; Sat matinee, 2:00 PM

Dates to note:

Previews: May 16 & 17, 7:30 PM

Opening Night: May 18, 8:00 PM

Pay What You Can: May 23, 7:30 PM

Midweek Matinees: May 22 at 2:00 PM (*limited availability, post-play discussion*), May 30 (*guided post-play discussion*) at 10:30 AM and June 13 at 2:00 PM (*post-play discussion*).

Post-Play Discussions: Wednesday nights following performances, excluding Preview.

**Please note:* there is no matinee on June 23 due to the Greenwood Car Show.

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

TICKETS: Single tickets are available online at taproottheatre.org, by phone at 206.781.9707 or in person at 204 N 85th St. Tickets range from \$27-50, depending on the performance. Taproot offers a \$5 senior/student discount off regularly priced tickets (excludes previews or specially priced performances) and \$15 tickets for anyone aged 25 and under (excludes specially priced performances). Tickets for the Midweek Matinees are \$20. Discounts are available for groups of 8 or more by visiting taproottheatre.org/group-sales/ or by calling 206.781.9708. Tickets for the PWYC performance are available day-of-show at the Box Office window; contact the Box office for additional details.

AGE RECOMMENDATION: 12+

CAST (in alphabetical order)

Maya Burton *Lady Windermere*

Aaron Lamb *Lord Windermere*

Faith Bennett Russell *Mrs. Erlynn*

Remaining cast TBA

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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 creates theatre experiences to brighten the spirit, engage the mind and deepen the understanding of the world around us while inspiring imagination, conversation and hope. 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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