## WESTPORT COUNTRY PLAYHOUSE

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## Westport Country Playhouse Presents "My Sinatra," a Musical Play with Classic Sinatra Songs, on Friday, June 27

Westport Country Playhouse will present "My Sinatra," on Friday, June 27, at 8 p.m., starring Cary Hoffman, known as New York's premiere Sinatra interpreter, backed by a seven-piece band. Hoffman turns his celebrated PBS Sinatra Special into a biographical, often hilarious, and poignant one-man musical play about his love and idolization for his hero Frank Sinatra, weaving in over 20 classic songs from "Ol' Blue Eyes."

Hoffman will offer his intimate journey of what it was like growing up fatherless with three musician uncles, who played on some of Sinatra's greatest recordings, turning Sinatra into a fantasy father. In addition to the PBS television special, "My Sinatra," viewed by more than 2 million people nationwide, Hoffman has performed the music of Frank Sinatra for the past eight years in over 55 performing arts centers around the world, including a performance for the President of Singapore.

Before returning to the stage to sing Sinatra's great songs, Hoffman was a very successful songwriter/producer, co-writing a hit Off-Broadway musical, "What's A Nice Country Like You Doing in a State Like This?," with Ira Gasman; co-wrote two top 20 country hits; and some of the country's most well-known jingles. As a personal manager, Hoffman discovered the R&B crooner Luther Vandross and the comedy actor Zach Galifianakis. He also manages A-list stand-up comedians such as Lynne Koplitz, co-star with Joan Rivers on We TV's hit reality show "Joan and Melissa: Mother Knows Best," and television writers such as Tom Hertz, creator of CBS's "Rules of Engagement," and Mike Royce, creator and executive producer of TNT's "Men of a Certain Age." Hoffman, and his former wife Suzanne, opened Stand Up NY Comedy Club, a landmark club on the Upper West Side, and ran it for the past 21 years.

Tickets are \$75, \$65, \$55. For full details, visit: <a href="https://www.westportplayhouse.org/show/my-sinatra/">https://www.westportplayhouse.org/show/my-sinatra/</a> Excerpt from PBS television special: <a href="https://youtu.be/cTXJq5R\_pu8">https://youtu.be/cTXJq5R\_pu8</a>

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A complete schedule of Playhouse events is available at westportplayhouse.org. All play titles, artists, song selections, dates, and times are subject to change.

For Westport Country Playhouse information and tickets, visit westportplayhouse.org or call the box office at (203) 227-4177, toll-free at 1-888-927-7529. Stay connected to the Playhouse on Facebook (Westport Country Playhouse), Instagram (wcplayhouse), and YouTube (WestportPlayhouse). Westport Country Playhouse is located at 25 Powers Court, off Route 1, Westport.

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