

# WESTPORT COUNTRY PLAYHOUSE

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## **Audra McDonald, Emmy, Grammy, and Six-time Tony Award Winner, at Westport Country Playhouse on Tuesday, May 19**

“An Evening with Audra McDonald” will take the stage at Westport Country Playhouse on Tuesday, May 19, at 7 p.m. The winner of a record-breaking six Tony Awards, two Grammy Awards, and an Emmy Award, in 2015 McDonald received the National Medal of Arts from President Barack Obama and was named one of *Time* magazine’s 100 most influential people.

Audra McDonald is unparalleled in the breadth and versatility of her artistry as both a singer and an actor. She won Tony Awards for her performances in “Carousel,” “Master Class,” “Ragtime,” “A Raisin in the Sun,” “The Gershwins’ Porgy and Bess,” and “Lady Day at Emerson’s Bar & Grill,” which also served as the vehicle for her Olivier-nominated 2017 West End debut, and in 2025 she became the acting categories’ most decorated individual in Tony history after earning an unprecedented eleventh nomination, for “Gypsy.”

On television, McDonald won an Emmy as the official host of PBS’s “Live from Lincoln Center,” and is known for recurring roles on “Private Practice” (ABC), “The Good Wife” (CBS), “The Good Fight” (Paramount+), and “The Gilded Age” (HBO). Her film credits include Disney’s live-action “Beauty and the Beast” and MGM’s 2021 Aretha Franklin biopic, “Respect.”

A Juilliard-trained soprano, McDonald maintains a major career as a Grammy-winning recording and concert artist. Her latest solo album, “Sing Happy,” was recorded live with the New York Philharmonic for Decca Gold. She is a founding member of Black Theatre United, board member of Covenant House International, and prominent advocate for LGBTQIA+ rights. Her favorite roles are those performed offstage, as an activist, wife to actor Will Swenson, and mother.

Longtime collaborator and music director Andy Einhorn accompanies McDonald on piano. Einhorn most recently served as the music supervisor and music director for the award-winning revival of “Gypsy,” starring Audra McDonald. Other Broadway music supervising and conducting credits include “Hello, Dolly!,” starring Bette Midler, and “Carousel,” starring Renée Fleming. Since 2011, Einhorn has served as music director and pianist for McDonald, performing both nationally and internationally on concert stages.

Concert tickets are \$150 and \$200. Running time is 90 minutes; no intermission. For full details, visit:

<https://www.westportplayhouse.org/show/an-evening-with-audra-mcdonald/>

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