

WESTPORT COUNTRY PLAYHOUSE

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Westport Country Playhouse Presents Admission-free LGBT Night Out at Troupe429 in Norwalk on Tuesday, June 29

Westport Country Playhouse will present an admission-free LGBT Night Out for members of the LGBTQIA+ community at Troupe429, bar and performance space, 3 Wall Street, Norwalk, on Tuesday, June 29, at 6 p.m. The event will also be broadcast on Instagram Live starting at 6:30 p.m.

The evening will mark not only the Playhouse's first in-person LGBT Night Out since 2019, but will also celebrate the historic theater's 90th birthday. Festivities include a cocktail demo by one of the "Troupe-tenders," a drag show, 90th birthday Pride cupcakes, and Playhouse giveaways, followed by an opening night screening of the Playhouse virtual production of the comedy, "Tiny House" at 7 p.m. LGBT Night Out patrons are welcome to stay for Pride Trivia Night following the screening. Cash bar.

In "Tiny House," fireworks fly when family, friends, and quirky neighbors come together for a Fourth of July barbecue at the off-the-grid, isolated mountain paradise of a young, urban couple. The comedy is written by Michael Gotch and directed by Mark Lamos. Running time is approximately 100 minutes, including a brief intermission between the two acts. More information on "Tiny House" at: westportplayhouse.org/tinyhouse

RSVP for LGBT Night Out at bit.ly/LGBTNightSignup Availability is limited. Masks are optional for vaccinated patrons at Troupe 429.

The Playhouse's all-virtual 2021 Season continues with "Doubt: A Parable," the Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning drama written by John Patrick Shanley and directed by David Kennedy, Playhouse associate artistic director; two archival productions recorded in HD video; and four Script in Hand playreadings. Full schedule is available at westportplayhouse.org. All virtual content in the Playhouse's 2021 Season will be available on demand for patrons' convenience, with open captions in Spanish. Playhouse productions will be rehearsed and filmed under Covid-19 safety protocols.

The 2021 season is generously supported by the Eunice and David Bigelow Foundation. The production of "Tiny House" is sponsored by Barbara Samuelson. Media Sponsorship for the 2021 season is generously provided by Moffly Media and WSHU Public Radio.

All play titles, artists, dates, and formats are subject to change.

To purchase tickets to the Playhouse's virtual season, visit westportplayhouse.org, call (203) 227-4177, or email at boxoffice@westportplayhouse.org. Stay connected to the Playhouse on Facebook (Westport Country Playhouse), follow on Twitter (@WCPlayhouse), and on YouTube (WestportPlayhouse).

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ABOUT WESTPORT COUNTRY PLAYHOUSE

Founded in 1931, Westport Country Playhouse is celebrating its 90th anniversary year. The mission of Westport Country Playhouse is to enrich, enlighten, and engage the community through the power of professionally produced theater of the highest caliber and the welcoming experience of the Playhouse campus. The not-for-profit Playhouse provides this experience in multiple ways by offering live theater experiences of the highest quality, under the artistic direction of Mark Lamos; educational and community engagement events to further explore the work on stage; the New Works Initiative, a program dedicated to the discovery, development, and production of new live theatrical works; special performances and programs for students and teachers with extensive curriculum support material; Script in Hand play readings to deepen relationships with audiences and artists; the renowned Woodward Internship Program during the summer months for aspiring theater professionals; Family Festivities presentations to delight young and old alike and to promote reading through live theater; youth performance training through Broadway Method Academy, Westport Country Playhouse's resident conservatory program; and the beautiful and historic Playhouse campus open for enjoyment and community events year-round. Charity Navigator has recently awarded its top 4-star charity rating to the Playhouse in recognition of its strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency.

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