WESTPORT COUNTRY PLAYHOUSE

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STARS ON STAGE FROM WESTPORT COUNTRY PLAYHOUSE

Features Tony and Olivier Award-winner Gavin Creel on Friday, January 7 on PBS and PBS.org



Gavin Creel Credit: Carol Rosegg

Westport, CT, January 6, 2022 – **STARS ON STAGE FROM WESTPORT COUNTRY PLAYHOUSE**, a series of three concerts on PBS, <u>PBS.org</u> and the <u>PBS Video app.</u> kicks off with Tony and Olivier Award-winner **Gavin Creel** on Friday, January 7, 9:00-10:00 p.m. ET (<u>check local listings</u>). Creel blazed onto Broadway in *Thoroughly Modern Millie* and instantly became one of the theater's favorite leading men, with starring roles in *Hello, Dolly!*, *She Loves Me*, *Hair* and more. Concert preview at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-5zMx8R5olU

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Filmed live at the historic Westport Country Playhouse in Connecticut, two more concerts will follow by Billboard #1 recording artist **Shoshana Bean**, and Tony, Emmy and Grammy Awardnominee **Brandon Victor Dixon**, on Friday, January 14 and 21, respectively.

Andrew Carl Wilk is the series creator. Executive producers are Andrew Carl Wilk, Annette Jolles and Donald H. Thoms. Executive in Charge for PBS is Zara Frankel. "Gavin Creel" is directed by Andrew Carl Wilk, with Mary-Mitchell Campbell as Music Director. Set Design by Travis George. Lighting Design by Alan Adelman.

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STARS ON STAGE FROM WESTPORT COUNTRY PLAYHOUSE will stream simultaneously with broadcast and be available on all station-branded PBS platforms, including <u>PBS.org</u> and the <u>PBS Video app</u>, available on iOS, Android, Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android TV, Samsung Smart TV, Chromecast and VIZIO.

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