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SANDRA BERNHARD BACK ON THE LIVE STAGE FOR WESTPORT COUNTRY PLAYHOUSE "EVENING OF COMEDY AND MUSIC" ON SATURDAY, MARCH 12TH

The inimitable Sandra Bernhard, performer, actress, singer, and author, will grace the live stage at Westport Country Playhouse in Westport, CT, for one night only on Saturday, March 12, at 8 p.m., with "Sandra Bernhard: An Evening of Comedy and Music." Running time is one hour; no intermission. Explicit language.

"Sandra Bernhard is an icon, trailblazer, musician, and comedian extraordinaire. We can't wait to share this gorgeous cultural live wire with audiences," said Michael Barker, Westport Country Playhouse managing director.

Bernhard will be performing throughout 2022 on the live stage around the country and overseas. She appeared in seasons two and three of the FX Television/Ryan Murphy series "POSE" in the recurring role of brassy but caring Nurse Judy, who works with H.I.V./AIDS patients in the 1980s/1990s-based show. She also did a special guest appearance on Ryan Murphy's "American Horror Story: Apocalypse" in 2018.

In addition, Bernhard is now in the seventh year hosting her own live show "Sandyland" on SiriusXM Radio's "Radio Andy" channel (102) headed up by Andy Cohen. Her strong opinions and unique perspective, along with her provocative, spontaneous conversations with a wide spectrum of guests from the worlds of entertainment and fashion, earned "Sandyland" a broadcasting Gracie Award.

Bernhard's film credits include "The King of Comedy," with Robert De Niro and Jerry Lewis, directed by Martin Scorsese, for which she was awarded Best Supporting Actress by the National Society of Film Critics.

Past television credits include "The Sopranos" and "The Larry Sanders Show."

A pioneer of one-woman live stage performance, Bernhard enjoyed rave media reviews while closing out the decade at Joe's Pub in New York City in December 2019. *Theater Pizzazz* said, "As always, Bernhard's comedy is ripe and the music is vibrant, with her observational comedy and masterful one-liners."

Bernhard's previous live performances around the country have brought in accolades, with *Variety* saying, "Bernhard remains as brash and brazen as she was in the 1970s." *The Daily Beast* proclaimed, "She is a show business stalwart of over three decades. Bernhard has evolved into a pop culture fixture, a jack-of-all-trades performer as actress, singer, comedian, and, more recently, a radio show host of SiriusXM's 'Sandyland.'" And, *Broadway World* wrote, "Sandra Bernhard takes no prisoners and pulls no punches. She will set the place afire with her white-hot intelligence. She is authentic, unapologetically pissed, heartbroken, and of course, hilarious."

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Details on “Sandra Bernhard: An Evening of Comedy and Music” at Westport Country Playhouse are at: www.westportplayhouse.org/show/sandra-bernhard-an-evening-of-comedy-and-music/. More information on Bernhard, including videos and discography, at: www.sandraberhard.com.

Tickets are \$75 and \$50. To order, visit www.westportplayhouse.org, email boxoffice@westportplayhouse.org, or call the box office at (203) 227-4177, Tuesday through Friday, 12 to 6 p.m. Stay connected to the Playhouse at westportplayhouse.org, on Facebook (Westport Country Playhouse), follow on Twitter (@WCPlayhouse), and on YouTube (WestportPlayhouse). Westport Country Playhouse is located at 25 Powers Court, off Route 1, Westport.

All audience members must present proof of vaccination and booster and wear a mask at all times while inside Westport Country Playhouse. For updates on Covid-19 health and safety protocols at the Playhouse, visit <https://www.westportplayhouse.org/visit/covid19safety/>

Date, time, and artist are subject to change.

ABOUT WESTPORT COUNTRY PLAYHOUSE

The mission of Westport Country Playhouse is to enrich, enlighten, and engage the community through the power of professionally produced *theater worth talking about* 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; 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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