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Westport Country Playhouse Hosts Voter Education Effort during Run of “From the Mississippi Delta”

Prior to performances, the non-partisan League of Women Voters of Westport will disseminate political information for mid-term elections

In conjunction with the civil rights issues explored in Westport Country Playhouse’s current production, “From the Mississippi Delta,” the Westport chapter of the League of Women Voters (LWV) will have political information available in the Playhouse lobby, now through October 30.

“The League of Women Voters of Westport has been an institution here for over 70 years,” said Celeste LaCroix, president of the local organization. “Because we are non-partisan, we are respected as the most reliable source of political information in the country. We do not support individual candidates, but we do actively support voter education, voter enfranchisement, and actively register voters and organize debates between candidates.”

Prior to each performance of “From the Mississippi Delta,” LWV volunteers will hand out information regarding times, locations, and requirements for voting in the November 8 mid-term election, including the process of acquiring an absentee ballot. They will also explain the ballot referendum in this year’s election which concerns adding days to voting in Connecticut. Currently, Connecticut is only one of four states that limits voting to one day.

LWV will provide information about online registration and conduct in-person voter registration for those who show valid identification, including driver’s license, passport, or social security card. In addition, details will be available about LWV’s Vote411.org, a national source for comprehensive voting information.

“From the Mississippi Delta,” written by Endesha Ida Mae Holland, Ph.D., and directed by Goldie E. Patrick, is a triumphant journey beginning in Greenwood, Mississippi--the Delta--where Phelia works in the cotton fields. Her coming-of-age experiences inspire her to dream, sweeping her into the civil rights movement. More info on “From the Mississippi Delta” at <https://www.westportplayhouse.org/show/mississippidelta/>

Performance schedule is Tuesday at 7 p.m., Wednesday at 2 and 8 p.m., Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 3 and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. (No Wed. or Sat. matinees during preview week). Special series include LGBTQ+ Night Out (October 20), Post-Play Dialogue (October 20), Opening Night (October 22), Sunday Symposium (October 23), Backstage Pass (October 26), Thursday TalkBack (October 27), and Open Captions (October 30).

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Single tickets for “From the Mississippi Delta” start at \$30 during preview performances (October 18 - 21), and beginning October 22 Opening Night, tickets start at \$50 and are subject to change based upon availability. Buy early for best prices. For information on special offers, including discounts for students, senior citizens, educators, military and first responders, Indigenous peoples, professional playwrights, and groups, as well as options for pay-what-you-will and local library passes visit www.westportplayhouse.org/visit/box-office/.

Masks are required for four performances of “From the Mississippi Delta” on Friday, October 21 at 8 p.m.; Wednesday, October 26 at 2 p.m.; Friday, October 28 at 8 p.m.; and Saturday, October 29 at 3 p.m. At the other 10 performances, masks are strongly encouraged, but not required. For updates on Covid-19 health and safety protocols at the Playhouse, visit <https://www.westportplayhouse.org/visit/covid19safety/>

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

For more information and to buy tickets, visit www.westportplayhouse.org, or call the box office at (203) 227-4177, toll-free at 1-888-927-7529, or visit Westport Country Playhouse, 25 Powers Court, off Route 1, Westport. Stay connected to the Playhouse on Facebook (Westport Country Playhouse), follow on Twitter (@WCPlayhouse), and on YouTube (WestportPlayhouse).

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 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; 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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