

# WESTPORT COUNTRY PLAYHOUSE

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Westport Country Playhouse's Family Festivities Series Presents Musical Adventure "The Pout-Pout Fish" on Sunday, May 21

Westport Country Playhouse's Family Festivities Series will present the musical adventure, "The Pout-Pout Fish," based on *The New York Times* bestselling series by Deborah Diesen, with illustrations by Dan Hanna, on Sunday, May 21, at 1 and 4 p.m. Produced by TheaterWorksUSA, performances are approximately one-hour in length, and appropriate for ages 3 and up. Tickets are \$25 each.

The new musical features whimsical puppets and live performers in a sweeping oceanic adventure. When Mr. Fish sets out on a quest to find Miss Clam's missing pearl, he discovers there is more to him than his permanently plastered pout. More information at:

<https://www.westportplayhouse.org/show/poutfish/>

Show trailer at: [https://youtu.be/cp1RySn\\_kYA](https://youtu.be/cp1RySn_kYA)

The production is co-conceived, directed, and designed by the acclaimed puppeteers of AchesonWalsh Studios, whose work was featured in Broadway's "The King and I," "On the Town," and "Radio City's New York Spectacular."

The creative team for "The Pout-Pout Fish" includes book by Christopher Anselmo, Jared Corak, Matt Acheson, and Fergus J. Walsh; music and lyrics by Christopher Anselmo and Jared Corak; orchestrations by Conor Keelan; direction and staging by Matt Acheson and Fergus Walsh; production design by AchesonWalsh Studios; and music direction and arrangements by Jonathan Bauerfeld.

TheaterWorksUSA, the producing company, has led the Theater for Young and Family Audiences movement in New York City and across North America for over half a century. Since 1962, the 501(c)3 not-for-profit has captured the imaginations of 100 million new and veteran theatergoers with an award-winning repertoire of over 130 original plays and musicals. In addition to touring 11 family productions around the country, TheaterWorksUSA's season highlights include the Broadway production of "The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical," and the world premieres of two *New York Times* Critic's Picks, "Dog Man: The Musical" and "The Pout-Pout Fish."

Education programming at Westport Country Playhouse is generously supported by Roz and Bud Siegel.

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

For more information and to buy tickets, visit [www.westportplayhouse.org](http://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

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### **ABOUT WESTPORT COUNTRY PLAYHOUSE**

Founded in 1931, 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.

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