

WESTPORT COUNTRY PLAYHOUSE

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Westport Country Playhouse Presents Sunday Symposium on “Jane Austen: Ageless at 250” on October 25

Westport Country Playhouse will present a free Sunday Symposium, open to the public, following the October 25, 3 p.m. performance of the world premiere of “Ken Ludwig’s *Pride and Prejudice, Part 2: Napoleon at Pemberley*,” a theatrical sequel to Jane Austen’s novel “*Pride and Prejudice*.” The Symposium, titled “Jane Austen: Ageless at 250,” will feature a conversation exploring Austen’s enduring legacy, followed by an interactive dialogue with the audience.

Panelists are Christine Catallo, Director of Library Services and Operations at Pequot Library in Southport and a noted Jane Austen scholar; and Pamela Buck, Ph.D., Associate Professor of English at Sacred Heart University specializing in eighteenth- and nineteenth-century British literature, with a focus on Jane Austen. Moderator is Kelle Ruden, whose career in the book business has included bookstores, publishing, and libraries. A member of the Jane Austen Society North America for over a decade, Ruden attended Christ Church, University of Oxford in summer 2026 to study the work of Jane Austen.

The World Premiere of “Ken Ludwig’s *Pride and Prejudice, Part 2: Napoleon at Pemberley*” runs from October 20 through November 7. Celebrating Jane Austen’s 250th anniversary year, the new play blends her elegant world with a dash of historical adventure, creating a lively ensemble comedy about marriage, ambition, and the thrill of changing one’s destiny.

Single tickets start at \$50 with discounts for students, senior citizens, educators, military, first responders, Indigenous peoples, professional playwrights, and groups, as well as options for pay-what-you-will and library passes. Details at: www.westportplayhouse.org/visit/box-office/. Running time is approximately two hours, including intermission. Appropriate for ages 12 and up.

The Sunday Symposium Series is supported, in part, by the White Barn Program of the Lucille Lortel Foundation. Production Sponsors are Athena and Daniel Adamson, and Judy and Scott Phares; Corporate Production Sponsors are Cohen and Wolf, P.C., and Charles Schwab Fairfield; Corporate Production Supporter is 3030 Park at Senior Living Hospitality Group; Production Supporter is Claire Wilkes; and Opening Night Post Show Reception Sponsor is Hightower Signature Wealth. 2026 Programming and Season Sponsor is Barbara Streicker. 2026 Media sponsors are Moffly Media and WSHU Public Radio. Westport Country Playhouse is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

For complete information, visit: <https://www.westportplayhouse.org/show/pride-and-prejudice-part2/>

A schedule of Playhouse events is available at westportplayhouse.org. All titles, artists, dates, and times are subject to change.

For Westport Country Playhouse information and tickets, visit westportplayhouse.org or call the box office at (203) 227-4177, toll-free at 1-888-927-7529. Stay connected to the Playhouse on Facebook (Westport

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