

WESTPORT COUNTRY PLAYHOUSE

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Tom Hanks Joins Cast of Westport Country Playhouse 100th Script in Hand Playreading on Monday, October 5

Hanks will appear with previously announced Wendie Malick and Tony Shalhoub for a reading of new work, “Portrait of a Woman in Repose,” by Nicky Glossman.

Tom Hanks joins previously announced cast members Wendie Malick and Tony Shalhoub for Westport Country Playhouse’s 100th playreading in its 20-year-old Script in Hand series on Monday, October 5, at 7 p.m. The milestone presentation will feature a reading of the new work, “Portrait of a Woman in Repose.” Written by Nicky Glossman and directed by James Glossman, the play is funny, moving, and constantly surprising - a tour-de-force for three veteran actors about art, memory, survival, and what it means to restore what has been lost. The event is sold out.

“For nearly a century, Westport Country Playhouse has welcomed legendary performers to our historic theatre, and we’re enormously proud to continue that tradition with Tom Hanks, Wendie Malick, and Tony Shalhoub taking the stage,” said Mark Shanahan, Playhouse artistic director. “Our 100th Script in Hand reading is a milestone to celebrate, and how fortunate we are to do so with these three beloved and renowned stars of stage and screen. There is something truly magical about artists of this caliber choosing to come to the Playhouse to do what they love best: tell a great story. I look forward to seeing these remarkable actors bring Nicky Glossman’s beautiful play to life under James Glossman’s expert direction, as we mark 20 years of a reading series that has become a hallmark of the Playhouse experience. We’ll all be talking about this one for a long time to come!”

“Portrait of a Woman in Repose” is set in restoration France, 1818. What begins as a simple job of art conservation brings Madame Anne Dulac, newly returned from exile, together with Jean Howlitz, a former painter with a complicated past, and Roderick Calley, the quick-witted man charged with managing her affairs. As the restoration unfolds, all three find themselves reckoning with the past and with the new world they have somehow managed to survive.

Nicole Caroselli is stage manager.

Tickets, at \$35 each, are sold out. For full details, visit: <https://www.westportplayhouse.org/show/script-in-hand-october/>

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The Script in Hand 2026 season continues on Monday, November 30, at 7 p.m., title to be announced. Subscriptions to the Script in Hand series are available as well as single tickets.

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Script in Hand playreadings offer intimate storytelling as professional actors use their skills to catapult the audience's imagination without benefit of scenery or costumes. For a video on Script in Hand, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h2eWDaF-JXA>

A complete schedule of Playhouse events is available at westportplayhouse.org. All play 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 Country Playhouse), Instagram (wcplayhouse), and YouTube (WestportPlayhouse). Westport Country Playhouse is located at 25 Powers Court, off Route 1, Westport.

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