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David Hyde Pierce Heads Cast in Reading of New Comedy at Westport Country Playhouse on Mon., Nov. 30

Westport Country Playhouse will present Broadway, film, and television actor David Hyde Pierce in a Script in Hand playreading of a new comedy, "Old Man Trouble," written by David Wexler and Michael Cristofer, and directed by Mark Shanahan, Playhouse artistic director and Script in Hand series curator, on Monday, November 30, at 7 p.m. Additional cast members will be announced soon.

"What a great way to finish our 2026 Script in Hand season!," said Shanahan. "David Wexler and Michael Cristofer's 'Old Man Trouble' is a good old-fashioned romp, full of sly wit, wonderfully eccentric characters, and plenty of heart.

"And how lucky are we to have David Hyde Pierce, truly one of America's finest comic actors, leading an extraordinary cast to bring it to life!," Shanahan added. "Introducing new plays to our audiences has been such a fun part of our season at the Playhouse, and I can't think of a better way to end the year than with a terrific new comedy, a wonderful group of actors, and an audience ready to laugh. That's Script in Hand at its best!"

David Hyde Pierce's credits include: Broadway: "Pirates! The Penzance Musical," "Hello, Dolly!" (Tony nomination), "Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike" (Tony nomination), "La Bête," "Curtains" (Tony Award), "Spamalot," "The Heidi Chronicles," and "Beyond Therapy"; Off-Broadway: Sondheim's "Here We Are," "A Life," "The Landing"; Director: "It Shoulda Been You" on Broadway, "Vanya and Sonia" (LA's Mark Taper Forum), David Lindsay-Abaire's "Ripcord" (MTC); TV: "Julia," "Frasier," "The Powers That Be"; Upcoming Films: Kelly O'Sullivan and Alex Thompson's "Mouse"; "Vivien & the Florist." Hyde Pierce will be seen next February starring as 'Charlie Brown' in the Encores! production of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown."

In "Old Man Trouble," it's New Year's Eve in a lavish Manhattan townhouse, and wealthy real estate mogul Robert Teitel, played by Hyde Pierce, has had enough - enough of his marriage, his grown children, his enormous fortune, and the hundred party guests downstairs drinking his champagne. All he wants is a little peace and quiet. But the night has other plans! As midnight approaches, Robert's private study becomes a revolving door of unexpected visitors, family crises, romantic complications, and secrets that refuse to stay buried.

"Old Man Trouble" is a wickedly funny and unexpectedly touching new comedy about love, money, marriage, family, and the delicious possibility of throwing it all away and starting over. After all, a new year is coming. Why not a new life?

Tickets are $35. Appropriate for age 13 and up. Running time is two hours, including one intermission.

For full details, visit: https://www.westportplayhouse.org/show/script-in-hand-title-november/

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The Script in Hand 2027 season of eight playreadings begins January 11. New subscriptions and renewals to the Script in Hand series are now available as well as single tickets.

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

Currently playing is "Ken Ludwig's Pride and Prejudice, Part 2: Napoleon at Pemberley," through Saturday, November 7. 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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