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Romeo and Juliet - Westport Country Playhouse, Westport, CT, USA



Bring on the romance! **William Shakespeare** wrote **Romeo and Juliet** in 1597, and it still spurs desire and romance, especially when skillfully directed by **Mark Lamos** and starring a stellar cast at the [Westport Country Playhouse](#) in **Westport, Connecticut**. A lavish set, sumptuous costumes, performances by a gifted cast make this play a shining star of the 2017 season at the Westport Country Playhouse and one that you will not want to miss. The play runs until November 19, 2017.



James Cusati-Moyer (Romeo), Nicole Rodenburg (Juliet)

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When Shakespeare wrote his play *Romeo and Juliet* 420 years ago in 1597, we wonder if he foresaw how his words would influence future generations. A romantic story of epic proportion of ill-fated, star-crossed lovers, Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, continues to captivate hearts, stir the imagination, touch the soul, and spur desire. Its impact endures whenever and wherever it is performed, as well as having an impact on contemporary plays, including playwright Arthur Laurents' *West Side Story*.



The Cast of Romeo and Juliet

On Saturday, November 4, 2017, director **Mark Lamos**, together with scenic designer **Michael Yeargan**, costume designer **Fabian Fidel Aguilar**, a dedicated crew, and a fabulously talented cast, transported the

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audience to Verona, Italy with its lavish production of *Romeo and Juliet*, and we were fortunate to be there as the story unfolded around us.



Alison Cimmet (Capulet's Wife), Felicity Jones Latta (Nurse)

Nicole Rudenburg (Juliet)

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The New York Post wrote that "Mark Lamos is among the finest Shakespearean directors in the world," and having seen his prior plays, as well as his 2016 production of [Camelot](#) at the WCP and his current production of *Romeo and Juliet*, we have to agree, adding that he is a "director's director" whether directing a musical, a comedy, or a dramatic play, he always elicits the very best from his cast and delivers strong performances that would make the playwrights proud.



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For *Romeo and Juliet*, **Fabian Fidel Aguilar** designed sumptuously elaborate period costumes that gave an extravagant feel to the performance, along with a stunning set designed by **Michael Yeargan**, and intricately choreographed sword fights by **Michael Rossmly**, that added to the excitement.



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The large cast was extremely well-chosen with many heavy hitters with extensive Shakespearian plays and Broadway credits under their acting belts including **Triney Sanfoval** as *Capulet*, **Peter Francis James** as *Friar Laurence*, **J. Kenneth Campbell** as *Escalus*, **Chris Bolan** as *Montague/Apothecary*, **James Cusati-Moyer** as *Romeo*, **Dave Register** as *Tybalt*, **Jim Ludlum** as *Samson*, the lovely **Nicole Rodenburg** as the fair *Juliet*, and newcomer **Tyler Fautleroy**, a recent graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University, who proved his mettle in the role of *Benvolio*.



Nicole Rudenburg (Juliet), Peter Fancis James (Friar Laurence),

James Cusati-Moyer (Romeo)

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Returning to the Westport Country Playhouse was **Allison Cimmet** (*She Loves Me*) in the role *Capulet's Wife*, **Patrick Andrews**, (*Camelot*, *Red*), who nailed his role as the outrageous *Mercutio*, and **Felicity Jones Latta** (*The Diary of Anne Frank*, *Broken Glass*), the role of *Nurse*, whose perfect comedic timing brought down the house with her delivery.

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Since its opening in 1931, the Westport Country Playhouse has consistently rewarded theatregoers with spectacularly produced plays with exceptional casts; *Romeo and Juliet* continued the legacy, and was the perfect finale to the 2017 season. *Bravo!*

Performance Information:

Romeo and Juliet Cast:

Patrick Andrews

Mercutio/Ensemble

Alison Cimmet

Capulet's Wife/Ensemble

Adam Cay

Ensemble

Chris Bolan

Montague/Apothecary/Ensemble

J. Kenneth Campbell

Escalus/Ensemble

James Cusati-Moyer

Romeo/Ensemble

Tyler Fauntleroy

Benvolio/Ensemble

Cole Francum

Paris/Ensemble

Peter Francis James

Friar Laurence/Ensemble

Barbara Hentchel

Montague's Wife/Ensemble

Felicity Jones Latta

Nurse/Ensemble

Jim Ludlum

Samson/Ensemble

Peter Molesworth

Balthasar/Ensemble

Dave Register

Tybalt/Ensemble

Nicole Rodenburg

Juliet

Triney Sandoval

Capulet/Ensemble

Emily Vrissis

Ensemble

Becca Schneider

Ensemble

Clay Singer

Peter/Ensemble

Jamil Zraikat

Gregory/Ensemble

The Creative Team:

William Shakespeare

Playwright (1564-1616)

Mark Lamos

Director/Artistic Director

Michael Yeargan

Scenic Design

Fabian Fidel Aguilar

Costume Design

Matthew Richards

Lighting Design

David Budries

Sound Design

Shane Ann Younts

Dialect Coach

Michael Rossmly

Fight Director

Faye Armon-Troncoso

Props and Set Dressing

Milla Cozart Riggio

Dramturg

Tara Rubin Casting

Casting

Megan Smith

Production Stage Manager

Alex H. Haijar

Assistant Stage Manager

Michael Barker

Managing Director

Watch a short video of the actors speaking about the play:

<http://www.westportplayhouse.org/romeo-and-juliet-videos>

Romeo and Juliet performance schedule is Tuesday at 7:00 pm., Wednesday at 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm, Thursday and Friday at 8:00 pm., Saturday at 3:00 pm and 8:00 pm. and Sunday at 3:00 pm. Special series feature Taste of Tuesday, LGBT Night OUT, Opening Night, Sunday Symposium, Open Captions, Thursday TalkBack, Together at the Table Family Dinner, Playhouse Happy Hour, and Backstage Pass.

For information on the play or to purchase tickets, please call the box office at 203-227-4177 or call the toll-free number at 888-927-7529, or visit them on the website at www.WestportPlayhouse.org.

The Westport Country Playhouse Box Office is open during Performance Days Tuesday through Friday from 12:00 pm until 8:30 pm, Saturday from 11:00 am until 8:30 pm, Sunday from 11:00 am until 3:30 pm, and is closed on Monday. Non-Performance Days, the Box Office is open Tuesday through Friday from 12:00 pm until 6:00 pm, and is closed on Monday.

The Westport Country Playhouse named as "Theatre Company of the Year" in December 2013 by The Wall Street Journal, opened in the 1930s in a transformed 1835 cow barn, which has, and continues to attract, a "who's who" of prominent actors. Looking at the framed posters of past shows that line the lobby walls was like entering an encyclopedia of the arts. A few of the many renowned actors who have appeared on the stage there include Ethyl Barrymore, Dorothy and Lillian Gish, Tallulah Bankhead, Gloria Swanson, Don Ameche, Hume Cronin and Jessica Tandy, Jane Fonda, Danny Aiello, Blythe Danner, Jill Clayburgh, Richard Dreyfus, Whoopi Goldberg, Liza Minnelli, Bernadette Peters, Lynn Redgrave, Gene Wilder, and Westport residents Joanne Woodward and Paul Newman.

"Westport Country Playhouse, a not-for-profit theater, serves as a cultural nexus for patrons, artists and students and is a treasured resource for the State of Connecticut. There are no boundaries to the creative thinking for future seasons or the kinds of audiences and excitement for theater that Westport Country

Playhouse can build."

For information on upcoming events and other performances, please visit the website:

www.WestportPlayhouse.org.

Upcoming Performances - 2017

Plays 2017 Season

Dates Running

Romeo and Juliet

October 31 - November 19, 2017

Family Festivities Performances - 2017 - 2018

2017 Season

Dates Running

A Christmas Carol

December 17, 2017

Nuggett & Fang

January 21, 2018

Junie B. Jones

February 11, 2018

Pinkalicious - The Musical

March 11, 2018

How I Became a Pirate

April 15, 2018

Harry The Dirty Dog

May 6, 2018

Upcoming Performances - 2018

Special Event

Woody Sez -

January 9 - 20, 2018

The Life and Music of Woody Guthrie

Plays 2018 Season

Dates Running

Flyin' West

May 29 - June 16, 2018

A Flea In Her Ear

July 10 - 28, 2018

The Understudy

August 14 - September 1, 2018

Man Of La Mancha

September 25 - October 13, 2018

Thousand Pines

October 30 - November 17, 2018

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