

A message to board trustees of cultural organizations throughout Fairfield County

Please join Fairfield County arts and cultural leaders, supporters and board trustees for the annual Trustee Network Forum with Heather Noonan, vice president for advocacy, League of American Orchestras, and Doug White, academic director of the George H. Heyman Jr. Center for Philanthropy and Fundraising at New York University, to talk about what the proposed cap on charitable deductions could mean for you, your organization and your community.

At a time when cultural nonprofits are struggling with reduced budgets and higher demand for their services, Congress needs to understand and protect the incentives that support nonprofits and the services they provide to the community. On Nov. 23, the congressional supercommittee will be meeting to discuss a reduction in the charitable giving incentive, a move that could have a devastating impact on nonprofits and the communities they serve.

MYTH: Donors will not reduce giving if charitable tax deductions laws are changed.

REALITY: History has shown that donors do respond to tax law changes by altering what, when and how much they give.

MYTH: Donors with higher incomes "benefit" more from tax deductions and therefore it is a matter of equity to reduce this "benefit."

REALITY: When people give, they are reducing their own wealth in order to make a nonprofit service available to the community.

MYTH: The arts mainly serve "the rich."

REALITY: Nonprofit arts organizations serve people and organizations across communities.

When: Sunday, Nov. 13 from 4 to 5 p.m.

Where: Fairfield Theatre Company, 70 Sanford St., Fairfield

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Fairfield County**

The mission of the Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County is to support cultural organizations, artists and creative businesses by providing promotion, services and advocacy.

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WESTPORT COUNTRY PLAYHOUSE

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DIALING UP A DIABOLICAL DRAMA

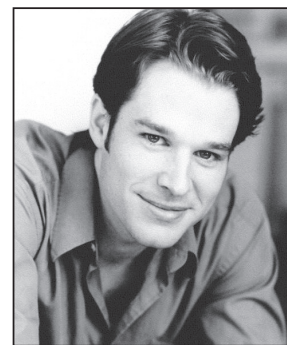
Westport Country Playhouse will present a Script in Hand play reading of the classic whodunit, "Dial 'M' for Murder," by Frederick Knott, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m., Westport Country Playhouse, 25 Powers Court, Westport. Tickets are \$15.

"I'm beginning to feel we are putting together a bunch of regulars who really enjoy the form and embrace the challenge of creating an entire theatrical evening with just the wonderful words of good playwrights," said Anne Keefe, Playhouse artistic adviser.

"Dial 'M' for Murder" asks the question: Is there such a thing as a perfect murder? Tony married Margot for her money, and now plans to murder her for the same reason. When the murderer gets murdered, Tony takes the opportunity to have Margot convicted of the crime. Will Inspector Hubbard of Scotland Yard and Margot's would-be-lover be able to turn the tables on Tony and save Margot from the gallows? A suspenseful tale of blackmail, murder and clever police work, the whodunit is written by Frederick Knott, who also wrote "Wait Until Dark."

The cast includes Kieran Campion as Max, Sean Patrick Reilly as Lesgate, Mark Shanahan as Tony and Paxton Whitehead as Inspector Hubbard.

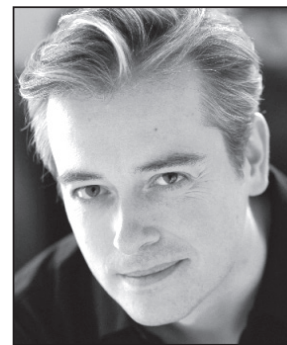
For more information or tickets, call 227-4177 or (888) 927-7529 or visit westportplayhouse.org.



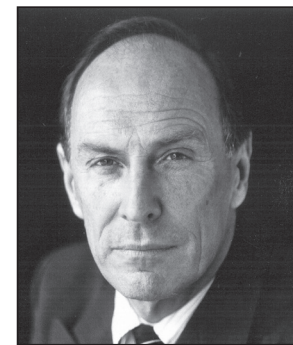
KIERAN CAMPION



SEAN PATRICK REILLY



MARK SHANAHAN



PAXTON WHITEHEAD

THERE'S A HERO IN ALL OF US

The Greenwich Historical Society will host a paper crafts workshop led by award-winning children's author, illustrator and educator Timothy D. Bellavia, Nov. 13, 39 Strickland Road, Cos Cob.

"How Do You Know a Hero?" will challenge boys and girls to design their very own action figures by transforming plain templates into police officers, firefighters and paramedics. Children will deck out their heroes with uniforms, badges and other pint-size accoutrements replicated from objects and photos showcased in the historical society's exhibition "Everyday Heroes: Greenwich First Responders." They'll then set their creations' heroic feats against scenes from the exhibition.

The workshop was designed to help children under-

stand the important role first-responders play in daily life. This workshop is a new spin on Bellavia's well-known franchise "We Are All The Same Inside" workshop in which children create individual characters with the goal of learning to recognize our common humanity while embracing diversity.

Admission is \$10 for members; \$15 for nonmembers.

Workshops will be held at 1, 2:30 and 4 p.m. Reservations are required.

For more information, call 869-6899, Ext. 10 or visit greenwichhistory.org.

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