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## Hartford Public Library To Offer Free Streaming Access to TheaterWorks **Hartford Productions**

HARTFORD – Hartford Public Library will now offer free access to streaming video of TheaterWorks Hartford's productions to all Hartford residents with an HPL library card, starting with its upcoming production of Russian Troll Farm: A Workplace Comedy by Sarah Gancher.

"We are so excited to offer TheaterWorks' productions to our customers. Hartford is a place of immense artistic vitality and as a cultural conduit, Hartford Public Library is in a unique position to help share the city's good work. We are excited to count TheaterWorks among our offerings," said Bridget Quinn-Carey, HPL's president and CEO.

Producing Artistic Director, Rob Ruggiero added "We've been interested in partnering with Hartford Public Library for some time. In a year filled with challenges, we're thankful that one of the outcomes is we can offer Hartford residents access to more great storytelling. TheaterWorks is firmly rooted in this community and grateful to call Hartford home."

Access to the performances can be checked out through the library's museum pass system, found here, starting the first day of each play's livestream dates. Each stream is good for 24 hours after checkout.

Working with Hartford Public Library is part of TheaterWorks' effort to create greater access to the arts. TheaterWorks believes that theater and storytelling play an essential role in building strong communities and creating important social discourse.

Russian Troll Farm: A Workplace Comedy by Sarah Gancher will be live streamed October 20th – 24th. The play will be presented as recorded streaming October 25 – November 2.

Zoom into the office of a Russian troll farm bent on impacting the 2016 U.S. election. If the provocative play proves too appalling, the absurd laughs will keep you glued to your screen. This play was created for streaming.

For more information about TheaterWorks', visit twhartford.org. For help with streaming, call 860-527-7838 between 10 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday.

For more information about Hartford Public Library, visit hplct.org.

## **About Hartford Public Library**

Now celebrating its 126th year, Hartford Public Library remains at the forefront of redefining the urban library experience in the 21st Century. With seven locations throughout the city, the library provides education, intellectual enrichment and cultural development for thousands of children, youth and adults every year. Hartford Public Library has also gained local and national recognition for its wide range of new initiatives and partnerships designed to meet the needs of a diverse and dynamic city and region, including immigration services, employment assistance and youth leadership training. www.hplct.org.

## **About TheaterWorks Hartford**

Celebrating its 35th season, TheaterWorks Hartford (TWH) produces high quality, contemporary theater that is relevant to our audiences, engages a diverse community, and provides insight into the human experience. TWH is committed to the power of storytelling in creating community. Founded in 1985, TWH has produced over 170 plays and presents approximately 225 performances per season. TWH also owns and manages the historic property at 233 Pearl Street, known as City Arts on Pearl. City Arts provides an affordable home and services to a diverse family of non-profit arts organizations.

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