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WALKING THE DOG THEATER TO PERFORM *OUR TOWN* AT PS/21 JULY 7-AUGUST 1

Thornton Wilder’s Most Celebrated Play Exemplifies Fifth Anniversary Theme

[CHATHAM, NY] - PS/21: Performance Spaces for the 21st Century and Walking the dog Theater present sixteen performances of the quintessential American classic *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder, July 7-August 1. All shows begin at 8:00 pm under The Tent at PS/21 located at 2980 Route 66 in the Town of Chatham.

This play is especially appropriate to PS/21’s fifth anniversary theme of *Celebrating Our Town*. “It is the kind of play where, once it is over, the strangers next to you in the audience suddenly look like neighbors,” said WTD Artistic Director David Anderson. “It is a play about life, its simplicity and mystery, and how a community is created one moment at a time.”

Our Town is a three-act play written by Thornton Wilder in 1937. In it a small New Hampshire town, Grover’s Corners, is described in great detail. While on the surface the tale seems like a simple retelling of everyday life, underneath love, joy, disappointment and heartbreak transform ordinary lives into something extraordinary.

“It is a snapshot of lives lived and what it means to be a community,” said PS/21 President Judy Grunberg. “It is a universally relevant tale that celebrates life’s small moments and our connection to each other.” To add to the familiar feeling of the play, at each performance, a well-known area citizen will make a cameo appearance in the role of Professor Willard, local historian.

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This Pulitzer Prize-winning drama is a classic. “As PS/21 is on a hill overlooking a small town, it is a poignant setting to get a perspective on life in a town of about the same size,” said Anderson. “The presence of nature, especially the night sky, which also appears in the play, will make the transition back to life seamless. Grover’s Corners isn’t a far cry from “Groat’s Corners” (Chatham).”

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To purchase tickets or for more information about this event, call 518.392.6121 or visit ps21chatham.org. Tickets pricing is as follows:

July 7, 14, 22, 29

All seats for this performance \$15

July 8, 10, 11, 15, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and Aug 1

General admission \$25/ Members \$20/ Students \$12

PS/21: Performance Spaces for the 21st Century is a not-for-profit organization in Chatham, New York dedicated to the performing arts and serving a diverse community with concerts, programs and residencies by professional artists and ensembles, youth and children’s programming and cultural education opportunities for all ages. The tent at PS/21 is a Saddle Span concert tent with a seating capacity of approximately 200.

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