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Connecticut Theaters give “Playhouse” a Whole New Meaning

Performing arts theaters in Connecticut have launched Broadway Shows for decades, including the [Hartford Stage](#), New Haven’s [Long Wharf](#) and [Shubert Theatres](#), East Haddam’s [The Goodspeed](#) (*formerly the Goodspeed Opera House*), and the [Westport Country Playhouse](#). Our stages have been graced by countless acting greats such as Al Pacino, Susan Sarandon, Christopher Walken, Marlon Brando, Liza Minnelli, Paul Newman, and the list goes on. In addition to world-class entertainment, our theaters offer behind-the-scenes tours, offering a glimpse into their history and interesting anecdotes that add to its personality. Many theaters not only feature unique historic architecture – including The Goodspeed on the Connecticut River and the art deco [Warner Theatre](#) in Torrington– but interesting histories as well. The [Westport Country Playhouse](#), once a summer performing arts venue, became a passion of Paul Newman and his wife, Joanne Woodward. They embraced their hometown theater and worked tirelessly to outfit the structure to allow for year-round performances.

Business presentations of many sizes can be accommodated in the theater halls, from the intimate 500-seat [Infinity Music Hall in Norfolk](#) to larger theaters such as the [Palace Theater](#) in Waterbury, and New London’s [Garde Arts Center](#). [The Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts](#) in Hartford has over 1,500 seats and there are 3,200 seats in Wallingford’s [Oakdale Theatre](#).

Our playhouses also offer a wide variety of space to accommodate dinners and receptions. If it’s a unique experience you want to offer, gather your group on the stage for a play reading or a seated meal for up to 350 people, complete with themes. [The Palace Theatre for the Performing Arts](#) in Stamford even can transport your guests to dinner in Paris or other far-away places with just one of their many stage settings.

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