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**Beck Center for the Arts Announces Acclaimed Play, *Doubt: A Parable*,
With Powerful Performances In A Compelling Story**

Lakewood, OH—Beck Center for the Arts will produce the Pulitzer Prize-winning, captivating, ***Doubt: A Parable***, May 26 to June 25, 2023 in the intimate Studio Theater.

Written by [John Patrick Shanley](#), ***Doubt: A Parable*** is a gripping story of suspicion and morality set in a Catholic school in the 1960s. When a popular priest is accused of misconduct, a determined nun becomes convinced of his guilt, despite having no evidence to support her claim. ***Doubt: A Parable*** has been performed in theaters around the world and was adapted into a critically acclaimed film in 2008 with standout performances by Meryl Streep and Viola Davis. The play has won numerous awards, including the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 2005, and has been called a modern classic. The play explores themes of power, authority, and the dangers of certainty in the face of ambiguity.

This locally produced work includes a performance by the incomparable talent, [Derdriu Ring](#), who plays Sister Aloysius, an [Christopher Bohan](#), who plays Father Brendan Flynn, both members of Actor's Equity Association.

Director [Don Carrier](#), head of the [CWRU/CPH MFA Acting Program](#) states, "I saw the original production of ***Doubt: A Parable*** a number of years ago and was taken by its ambivalence, suspense and element of mystery. The central question about truth and certainty is something we all experience. And while the play was written as a reaction or response to a specific place and time in the world--in that case, the Iraq War- it remains a potent play because of the personal dynamics at play. Truth, faith, certainty, doubt. We struggle to align these things. I hope our audience will experience that doubt as the play unfolds. Where does truth live?"

"The grey gulf between Sister Aloysius and Father Flynn's entrenched positions is where the audience are left to swim. The play leaves us, unnervingly, in that place of doubt." *The Guardian*

Ticket prices from \$38 (adults), \$34 (for seniors 65 and older) and \$17 for students with valid ID. A \$3 service fee per single ticket will be applied at time of purchase. Curtain times are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Preview performances are 7:30 p.m. the Thursday before opening night, with general-admission seating for just \$10. Smart Seats® are available for each performance at just \$10 per person. For more information please visit beckcenter.org.

Doubt contains adult themes and suggestions of sexual abuse. Produced through special arrangement with Dramatists.

All performances are at theaters inside [Beck Center for the Arts](http://BeckCenterfortheArts.org) located at 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood, just ten minutes west of downtown Cleveland. Free onsite parking is available. For more information visit beckcenter.org.

Beck Center for the Arts is proud to be a part of Northeast Ohio's professional theater landscape, operating under a letter of agreement with Actors' Equity Association. We are a Small Professional Theater (SPT) based on the number of seats, number of our performances, and the maximum weekly hours of work we provide to actors. We produce every show on our stages, by choosing the play, casting and rehearsing it, building the sets, props, and costumes, directing and performing the live music, and designing lights and sound. We proudly utilize regional resources and talent.

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Beck Center for the Arts is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization that offers professional theater productions on two stages, arts education programming in dance, music, theater, visual arts, early childhood, and creative arts therapies for individuals with disabilities, free gallery exhibits year-round, and outreach education programming.

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