



THE STORY

Two couples embark on the getaway of a lifetime at an opulent Caribbean resort, when a sudden emergency derails their plans. As the situation unfolds, rifts in worldview threaten their bonds of friendship, their self-conception, and ultimately, their survival.

With biting humor and sharp insight, *Fools' Paradise* is a provocative new comedy about escapism, survival, and finding one's purpose. At turns sharply witty and deeply moving, *Fools' Paradise* dares us to confront our values — and what we're willing to sacrifice to keep them.

WHY THIS STORY MATTERS

- **Bold and Original:** This world premiere exemplifies Thrown Stone's commitment to producing groundbreaking, emotionally resonant new work that engages audiences on the important questions of our time.
- **Wickedly Funny:** A sharp satire that doesn't shy away from tough questions, *Fools' Paradise* uses humor to explore privilege, morality, and the complexity of human relationships.
- **Timely and Universal:** In a world where indulgence and escapism are often sold as solutions to deeper crises, this play offers a compelling reflection on the consequences of looking away.

PRODUCTION DETAILS

- **Dates:** May 1–10, 2025
(option to extend to May 18)
- **Venue:** The Crystal Theatre, South Norwalk

PRODUCTION VISION

This production aims to bring a story of pressing relevance to the largest possible audience in a central, accessible location. The move to the 232-seat Crystal Theatre allows Thrown Stone to scale its work while maintaining the artistic excellence that defines our company. *Fools’ Paradise* speaks to privilege, desire, and survival in a fractured world — conversations that resonate deeply in Fairfield County and beyond. This production invites viewers to confront their own choices and values, making it an experience they won’t soon forget.

IMPACT AND ENGAGEMENT

- **Relevant themes:** This biting satire of privilege and self-delusion hits close to home in Fairfield County with its unsparing critique of “the good life.”
- **Expanded reach:** The Crystal Theatre’s larger capacity enables Thrown Stone to engage a broader audience than ever before.
- **Long-time, first-time:** After 25 dynamic years as a performer, director, and producer, Thrown Stone Co-Artistic Director Jonathan Winn brings his creative vision to playwriting with *Fools’ Paradise*.

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

By supporting *Fools’ Paradise*, you help bring this provocative new play to life. Your contribution:

- **Connects audiences** with engaging stories that resonate with today’s world.
- **Expands access** to professional theatre in our region.
- Upholds **Connecticut’s legacy** as a leader in new theatrical storytelling.
- **Ensures fair wages** for the professional artists who make it happen.

WE DEPEND ON SUPPORTERS LIKE YOU.

The production budget of *Fools’ Paradise* is \$129,831, with ticket revenue covering just 25% – a healthy proportion for contemporary theatre of this scope and scale. Your support sustains the culture of live theatre.

TOPLINE BUDGET

Artist Payroll.	\$ 72,051
Production	30,700
Marketing	21,080
Occupancy	6,000
Total	\$ 129,831

BE PART OF THE STORY

Help us engage our region on some of the most the important questions of our time. Your partnership will ensure this essential new play connects our community with the transformative power of new work.

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