

PORTO – See The Play and Meet The Playwright Highlights

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The Financial Women’s Association (FWA) event held at the WP Theatre delivered an amusing, witty and thoughtful evening to nearly a sold-out crowd for the performance of “PORTO”. Prior to the event, participants had an opportunity to network over a glass of wine and sumptuous healthful food sponsored by Ox Verte which included assortment of seasonally fresh, locally sourced salad and seasoned/roasted vegetables.

“PORTO”, written by Kate Benson and directed by Lee Sunday Evans, includes impressive cast performances about regulars at a local bar in a gentrifying neighborhood left all those who attended

with a smile, a laugh and a bit of something to think about. The story focuses on present day pressures of societal behavior and deep rooted feminist principles that make looking for love much more challenging than meets the eye to for today’s young millennial women.

More about WP Theatre – founded in 1978 the theatre’s mission focuses on empowering female-identified and trans artists and serves as a primary launching pad for women working in theatre today. Through the years, WP has had a significant impact on the theatre industry with an abundance of notable female talent working closely with WP and have been awarded with a Tony, Lortel, OBIE, Drama Desk, Drama League, Lilly, and Whiting Awards; an Edward M. Kennedy Prize for Drama; and multiple Pulitzer Prizes.



“Smiles After the Show!” WP Theatre Managing Director Michael Sag and FWA Perspectives Committee Chair Ellen Perlstein



“Cast of PORTO” (l-r): Ugo Chukwu, Jorge Cordova, Julia Sirna-Frest, Noel Joseph Allain, Kate Benson (Playwright). Missing from Photo, Castmember Leah Karpel

To provide directors, playwrights and producers the tools for success in the industry, WP also hosts a two-year residency program called the “WP Lab”. The lab provides its members with leadership training, rehearsal space and the dynamic professional network that provides for solid backdrop for opportunities for bold new work for the stage. The list of Lab alumnae is vast; you will recognize a name or two!

To learn more about WP Theatre, click here: www.wptheatre.org