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Robinson+Cole Sponsors Hartford Stage's Production of *The Pianist of Willesden Lane*

Evening benefits Hartford Performs as part of the firm's Diversity Initiative

HARTFORD, CT (April 14, 2015) – Robinson+Cole recognized its commitment to diversity, education, and community at a private reception prior to the Hartford Stage performance of *The Pianist of Willesden Lane* on April 7, 2015.

During the reception, Managing Partner John B. Lynch Jr. presented a check for \$2,500 to Rie Poirier-Campbell, executive director of Hartford Performs. The donation will help support Hartford Performs in its mission to provide quality arts education programs to Hartford Public School students through arts integration, in-school arts instruction, and out-of-school arts programming. Robinson+Cole construction lawyer Lisa B. Andrzejewski is a member of the Board of Directors of Hartford Performs.



Pictured from left to right are Hartford Performs Executive Director Rie Poirier-Campbell, Robinson+Cole Managing Partner John B. Lynch Jr., and Hartford Stage Managing Director Michael Stotts.

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Robinson+Cole, a longtime supporter of Hartford Stage, was a production sponsor for *The Pianist of Willesden Lane*. Adapted and directed by Hershey Felder, the play tells the true story of a young Jewish musician who was sent from Nazi-ruled Vienna to the relative safety of London during the Blitzkrieg. Piano virtuoso Mona Golabek performs some of the world's most beautiful music as she shares her own mother's riveting story of survival. The play is based on the book *The Children of Willesden Lane* by Mona Golabek and Lee Cohen.

About Hartford Performs

Hartford Performs was developed out of the recommendations of the 2009 Hartford Public School's Task Force on the State of the Arts. It is a collaborative network of the Hartford Public Schools, arts providers, community organizations, funders, and other supporters working together to deliver quality arts education programs to Hartford Public School students. As of the 2014-2015 school year, Hartford Performs supports arts integration programming for students in 28 Hartford public elementary schools. Learn more at <http://www.hartfordperforms.org/>.

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