Hartford, CT – The Tony award-winning theatre, Hartford Stage, and the city’s only public undergraduate college, Capital Community College, are more than neighbors – they are partners. The two institutions across the street from one another have joined forces to expose students to the world of theatre through a new collaboration dubbed One Play.

Modeled after the public library’s successful “One Book” program, One Play will focus the attention of the entire College each semester on a single play offered by Hartford Stage. The program will include special events related to the play, such as lectures, workshops or panel discussions, as well as professional development opportunities for faculty. Many instructors will include the play in their courses. Capital Community College nights at Hartford Stage offer students, staff and faculty discounted tickets and include a pre-play pizza reception at the College.

The first One Play is Water by the Spoonful, about a Latino family in contemporary America by Quiara Alegria Hudes, an award-winning author of plays, musicals, screenplays and other literary works. Hudes spoke last Wednesday to a packed house at Capital – about her writing process, her background, and details about this play and other projects she is working on. Students, many of whom have never seen a play, were riveted by her personal accounts of family relationships and what drives her to write.

“We are thrilled about this partnership with the Hartford Stage,” says Dr. Jeffrey Partridge, Chair of Humanities at Capital. “I take my students to plays every semester, and I’m always amazed at how many of them have never experienced live theatre. Many of them are deeply moved by the experience and are thankful for the opportunity to enjoy something they thought was going to be totally boring. Now with the One Play program, hundreds of students will get to experience live theatre at the Hartford Stage – as a community! That is really exciting.”

Capital Community College nights will be 7:30pm Sunday, October 23, Wednesday, October 26 and Thursday, October 27.