



1926 SOCIETY

The Hanover Theatre introduces the 1926 Society

The Hanover Theatre has established the 1926 Society to honor donors who make a legacy gift to the theatre. The society's name commemorates the year the historic Poli Palace Theatre first opened its doors to the public. The original Thomas Lamb designed venue was fully restored in 2008 when The Hanover Theatre re-opened to serve the cultural needs of the community.



Bruce Hager, 1926 Society Founding Member

Bruce Hager, a 1926 Founding Member, recently named The Hanover Theatre a beneficiary of his estate. He shares his reasons why.

"During my childhood in Worcester, over 60 years ago, Main Street was a bustling place, with many stores, restaurants, and theatres, the grandest of which was Loew's Poli, where I spent many happy hours. When the building went dark in the 1990's, I feared it would be demolished, but Ed Madaus and Paul Demoga had a vision, and began the campaign to save the theatre. When Don Phipps approached me with the offer to join the crew which would install his Mighty Wurlitzer in the restored Hanover Theatre, I didn't hesitate for a moment. In the lengthy course of the installation, the crew witnessed the completion of the renovation, the grand opening of The Hanover Theatre, and in time the inauguration of the Mighty

Wurlitzer, which has since become a familiar presence to many audiences at the theatre.

Over the past 5 ½ years, I have had the privilege to work with the members of The Hanover staff and its many volunteers, who make the theatre such a welcoming place. The theatre opened at a seemingly inopportune moment for a new business venture, just before a major economic recession struck the nation. Despite this situation, Executive Director, Troy Siebels, his staff and the board of directors, with the active support of the City of Worcester, the downtown business community, and thousands of enthusiastic audience members have made the reborn theatre into a resounding success. In five years

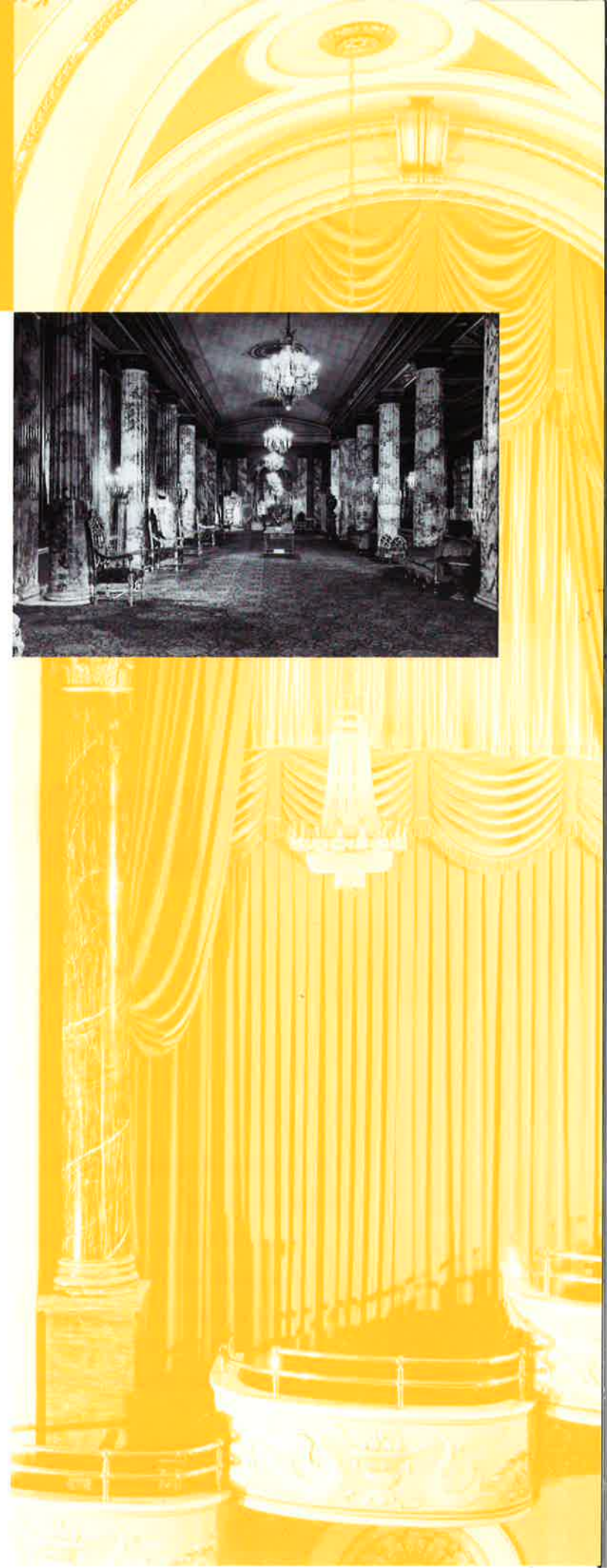
The Hanover Theatre has already become a landmark institution in the rebirth of Downtown Worcester.

It is my hope and expectation that the theatre and its Mighty Wurlitzer will be entertaining Central Massachusetts residents into the next century, and to help ensure that future, I have named The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts as a beneficiary of my estate. Thus, when I can no longer climb into the organ chambers, I will continue to provide assistance to this worthy institution. Please consider joining me in making a legacy gift to help secure the future of The Hanover Theatre."

– Bruce Hager

PLANNED GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

You can leave a gift to The Hanover Theatre that ensures world-class performing arts for future generations with a bequest or life income gift.



BEQUESTS

By including The Hanover Theatre in your will, you can associate yourself in perpetuity with this premier cultural organization and ensure that it continues to serve the community for years to come. You may make a bequest to The Hanover Theatre simply by adding a codicil to your present will. This should be done with the advice of your attorney.

CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS

Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT's) are gift arrangements that enable donors to contribute to the theatre while providing financial support for themselves or others.

A flexible gift instrument, a CRT enables a donor to:

- 1 Claim a charitable tax deduction in the year the gift is made
- 2 Retain an income stream from the gift for themselves or others for life
- 3 Remove those assets from their taxable estates, and ultimately leave a substantial gift to charity
- 4 Avoid capital gains taxes on appreciated assets donated to the trust

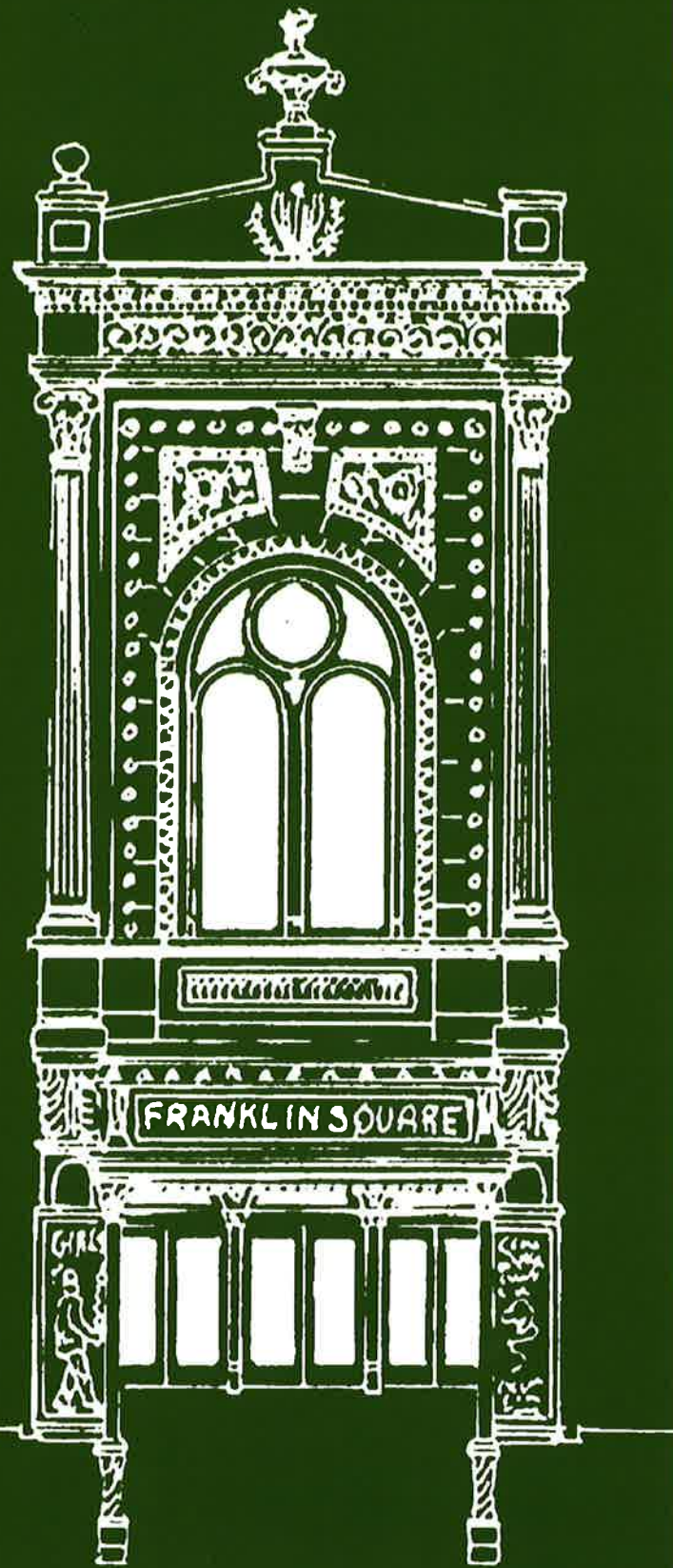
RETIREMENT PLAN ASSETS

If retirement account assets are left to anyone other than a spouse, they may be subject to very high taxation. By designating The Hanover Theatre the recipient of benefits remaining in your retirement plan, or by using them during your lifetime to support a charitable gift, you may reduce the taxes that will be imposed on those assets that have grown tax-free, while accomplishing more with your other assets.

SECURITIES (STOCKS)

The best stocks to donate during your lifetime are those that have significantly increased in value because by gifting them you will receive IRS gift credit for the current value of the stock and you will avoid capital gains tax on the appreciated portion. If you wish to keep the stock in your portfolio you can gift our organization the stock and then purchase the same stock through your broker. You will have received the same income tax deduction but will have a new higher basis in the stock.

For more information on becoming a Founding Member of the 1926 Society, contact Nel Lazour, Director of Development at 508.471.1770 or email Nel@thehanovertheatre.org.





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OUR MISSION

To foster a love and appreciation for the performing arts in audiences of today and tomorrow.

In doing this, we will:

- Preserve the historic integrity and beauty of the theatre,
- Serve a broad and diverse audience by presenting a wide variety of world-class events,
- Provide access to the performing arts to all persons through education and outreach programs, and
- Play a leadership role in making Worcester a popular cultural destination.