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The Hanover Theatre Announces Shift in Board of Directors



Worcester, Mass. (November 12, 2015) With the start of a new fiscal year, The Hanover Theatre announces seven exiting board members, five new board members, slate of officers and the theatre's first honorary director.

Exiting Board Members:

Mary C. DeFeudis
Melanie J. Donegan
Kallin Johnson
Linda McGowan
Thomas P. O'Connor, Jr.
Karon Shea
Walter Shea

New Board Members:

Marie A. Angelini
Lisa M. Carroll
Linda S. Larrivee
Carolyn J. Stemper
Thomas J. Sullivan

Slate of Officers:

Richard W. Lavey, Chairman
Marianne Felice, Vice Chair
Charles R. Valade, Treasurer
Mary C. Ritter, Secretary

Honorary Director:

Mary C. DeFeudis

Marie A. Angelini became a member of the Worcester business community when she joined Bowditch & Dewey LLC's banking, finance and bankruptcy department in 1991. She became a city resident in 1994. Currently, she is engaged as special counsel to Providence and Worcester Railroad Company, following full-time employment there from 1999 to 2002 and 2005 to 2013,

during which time she served as the company's general counsel (2008-2013). Marie served as a member of the board of directors for several non-profits in Worcester and, most recently, completed nine years of service as a trustee of the Worcester Art Museum, including two years as vice president.

As president of Small Business Service Bureau, Inc. and vice president of Carroll Enterprises and its subsidiaries, **Lisa M. Carroll** is responsible for maintaining and developing contractual relationships with health insurance and other carriers. She drives the organization's customer service, information technology and administrative departments. She is also responsible for implementing the Commonwealth Choice Program in partnership with the Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority throughout the state of Massachusetts.

Linda S. Larrivee is dean of the School of Education, Health and Natural Sciences (EHNS) at Worcester State University. The School of EHNS houses 10 departments. Dr. Larrivee has been at Worcester State University since 2000, serving as a professor and chair of the communication sciences and disorders department before becoming dean. She has published articles and chapters as well as presented both nationally and internationally on issues related to reading comprehension, phonological awareness, emergent literacy, language impairments, reading disabilities in school-aged children and psychometric issues associated with assessment including limitations of age-equivalent scores. Her current work focuses on the scholarship of teaching and learning.

Carolyn J. Stempler graduated from Arizona State University with a degree in Computer Information Systems and later obtained a Master's Degree from Wharton/Penn Engineering, from University of Pennsylvania. Reaching the top of her profession, Carolyn eventually became the CIO of WR Grace, a Fortune 500 Company. In 2003, Carolyn retired from technology and turned her sights to an entrepreneurial career as a Ben & Jerry's Franchisee. Shortly before she moved to Worcester, MA, in 2007, she sold her franchise and launched her own event design and planning business. Carolyn serves the Worcester community in many capacities. She is currently a member of the board of trustees for the Greater Worcester Community Foundation and also a board member for Anna Maria College. In addition, she recently joined the Worcester Art Museum as a corporator.

Thomas J. Sullivan is a partner with Sullivan, Garrity and Donnelly Insurance and shares responsibility for the overall management of the agency. He has expertise in many insurance products and is active in all facets of the agency's sales efforts. Tom graduated from the College of the Holy Cross, holds a law degree from Boston College as well as the ChFC and CLU designations. He is active in a number of community, professional and athletic organizations. He also serves on the Reliant Foundation board of directors, the You, Inc. board of directors and the board of trustees for Cape Cod Community College Foundation.

About The Hanover Theatre

The Hanover Theatre continues to draw over 170,000 patrons annually with world-class performances and headlining acts including Broadway hits (“Les Misérables,” “Jersey Boys,” “Camelot”); comedians (Dave Chappelle, Jay Leno, Daniel Tosh); musical acts (Neil Young, Aretha Franklin, John Legend); and everything in between (“A Christmas Carol,” Maya Angelou, Rudy Giuliani, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre). Consistently ranked by POLLSTAR as one of the Top Theatres in the World, the theatre opened in March of 2008 following a \$32 million historic renovation. Over the last seven seasons, the theatre has established its place as a world-class performing arts venue, acting as a catalyst for the economic development of downtown Worcester. In the spring of 2015, the theatre finalized the purchase of a vacant, three-floor former office building with street-level retail space at 551 Main Street. The building will ultimately house office space for theatre administration, function areas, a restaurant on the ground floor and an educational space on the lower level. The building is set to open in 2016.

Worcester Center for Performing Arts, a registered not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, owns and operates The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

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