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Local Boy Cast in Upcoming Touring Broadway Production of *Ragtime* at The Hanover Theatre



Worcester, Mass. (January 22, 2016) The Hanover Theatre is proud to announce that Jacoby Christian, a kindergartener from Waltham, has been cast as Young Coalhouse in the upcoming Worcester engagement of the National Broadway tour of *Ragtime the Musical*, generously sponsored by Worcester State University, at The Hanover Theatre.

Christian, along with several other boys, submitted audition materials that were then evaluated by *Ragtime the Musical's* casting director from Phoenix Entertainment. Ultimately, Christian best demonstrated the innocent, pure presence that the role of Young Coalhouse requires. Christian will be in the Friday evening performance of *Ragtime the Musical* on January 29, 2016 at 8 p.m.

Tickets to *Ragtime the Musical* start at \$40. Discounts are available to members of The Hanover Theatre, groups of 10 or more, corporate partners and Woo Pass holders. Tickets are available online at TheHanoverTheatre.org, by phone at 877.571.SHOW (7469) or at The Hanover Theatre box office located at 2 Southbridge Street in downtown Worcester.

At the dawn of a new century, everything is changing and anything is possible. *Ragtime the Musical* returns to the road in an all-new touring production that Bloomberg News hails as “explosive, thrilling and nothing short of a masterpiece.” Winning Tony Awards for Best Book and Best Musical Score, this 13-time Tony Award nominated musical is a timeless celebration of life—what it could and should be. *Ragtime the Musical* has five performances at The Hanover Theatre from Friday, January 29 through Sunday, January 31.

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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