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John Mellencamp Fall 2016 Leg of Plain Spoken Tour Kicking Off at The Hanover Theatre



Worcester, Mass. (April 22, 2016) The Rock and Roll Hall of Famer John Mellencamp is extending his Plain Spoken Tour, supporting his critically-acclaimed 22nd studio album, due to overwhelming fan demand. *John Mellencamp: Plain Spoken Tour* is playing at The Hanover Theatre on October 11, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. **Tickets go on sale on Friday, May 6 at 10 a.m.**

This Grammy Award winner travels across the country performing songs from his 22 studio album catalogue. Praised as “arguably the most important roots rocker of his generation,” Mellencamp’s illustrious career spans more than four decades and continues to endure. John Mellencamp is one of the most successful live concert performers in the world. The unique instrumentation of his band and his poignant songs about everyday life in the American heartland are widely credited as being the forerunner of the Americana/No Depression genre of rural-inflected music.

The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) is set to honor John with the prestigious Founders Award at the Annual ASCAP Pop Music Awards on April 27. The award recognizes pioneering ASCAP songwriters who have made exceptional contributions to music by inspiring and influencing fellow music creators. Past recipients include Bob Dylan, Billy Joel, Paul McCartney, Annie Lennox and others. John is also appearing on Jimmy Kimmel Live that evening.

Tickets to *John Mellencamp: Plain Spoken Tour* start at \$39.50. Discounts are available to members of The Hanover Theatre and groups of 10 or more. 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.

About The Hanover Theatre

The Hanover Theatre continues to draw over 180,000 patrons annually with world-class performances and headlining acts including Broadway hits (“Les Misérables,” “Jersey Boys”); comedians (Dave Chappelle, Jay Leno, Daniel Tosh); musical acts (Neil Young, Aretha Franklin, John Legend, Donny Osmond); and everything in between (“A Christmas Carol,” Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre, Alton Brown). 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 eight 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 houses office space for theatre administration, function areas, a restaurant on the ground floor and a performing arts conservatory on the lower level. The building opens June 2, 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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