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### Riverdance Returns to The Hanover Theatre for 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary World Tour in 2017



**Worcester, Mass. (April 29, 2016)** The international, Irish dance phenomenon is back by popular demand in *Riverdance – The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary World Tour*, on stage at The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts June 8-11, 2017.

Drawing on Irish traditions, the combined talents of the performers propel Irish dancing and music into the present day, capturing the imagination of audiences across all ages and cultures in an innovative and exciting blend of dance, music and song. Of all the performances to emerge from Ireland—in rock, music, theatre and film—nothing carries the energy, the sensuality and the spectacle of *Riverdance*.

*Riverdance – The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary World Tour* features composition by Bill Whelan, production by Moya Doherty and direction by John McColgan. The Washington Times hails *Riverdance* as “simply incredible” and “a phenomenon of historic proportions.” *Riverdance* comes directly to North America from a sold out run across Europe and Asia.

*Riverdance – The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary World Tour* is on sale as a part of The Hanover Theatre’s Broadway Subscription series. Tickets go on sale to the public on Tuesday, October 4. Subscriptions are available online at [TheHanoverTheatre.org](http://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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