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Greatest Hits on Earth Returning to The Hanover Theatre



Worcester, Mass. (May 17, 2016) The former members and musicians who played with Boston, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Journey, The Storm and Rare Earth are coming to Worcester for one night this fall. Symply Fargone Productions and Greatest Hits on Earth – Live® present *Rock & Pop Masters*®, coming to The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts on Saturday, September 24 at 8 p.m. **Tickets are on sale now to members.** Tickets go on sale to the public on Tuesday, May 24.

In his younger days, Randall Hall attended the infamous Monkees tour where the legendary Jimi Hendrix was the opening act. While most attendees were busy booing Hendrix off stage, the former Monkees fan was entranced and decided heavy riffing was the way to go. Adding in the Southern flavor of the Allman Brothers, Randall formed his first band, Running Easy, in 1971. In 1987, Randall was asked to take the place of Allen Collins in Lynyrd Skynyrd after Collins' paralyzing car accident. He remained a member of the band until 1994.

Fran Cosmo exploded onto the rock scene when he took over for Brad Delp as the lead singer of Boston in 1992. Fran was featured as the lead vocalist on the "Walk On" album, which sold over one million copies worldwide. Prior to his success as the lead singer of Boston, he was the lead singer and song co-writer for both "Orion the Hunter" and Barry Goundreau albums. Fran Cosmo is known for his high-energy and outstanding vocal range on Boston songs that very few, if any, can perform.

Prior to his involvement with Journey, Kevin Chalfant formed The Storm in 1990 with guitarist Josh Ramos and Journey members Ross Valory, Gregg Rolie and Steve Smith. Kevin joined Journey for a live performance in October of 1993 in place of Steve Perry. He proved to be a good fit and the band invited him to formally join. He began writing material in 1994 with Rolie, Neal Schon and Jonathan Cain in anticipation of a full album and tour.

Peter Rivera launched his career with The Sunliners playing in a run-down Detroit nightclub five nights a week. The Sunliners quickly became one of Detroit's top bands. Their only problem was a lack of material. The band asked Peter if he could sing to bring some new sound and material to the set list. Starting with singing only two songs, his performances quickly grew to thirty songs every night. Their big break came when Motown offered to let them record for a few nights. The Sunliners changed their name to Rare Earth and the album "Get Ready" soon followed, eventually selling millions. Peter Rivera is considered to be one of the premier singers and drummers of all time. He was the voice of all the Rare Earth hits as well as the man behind the drums. His passion for music and unsurpassed talent earn him standing ovations wherever he plays.

Tickets to *Rock & Pop Masters*® start at \$48. 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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