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Miss Massachusetts Competition Returns to The Hanover Theatre



Worcester, Mass. (May 24, 2016) The *Miss Massachusetts Preliminary Competition* and *Miss Massachusetts Pageant* return to The Hanover Theatre next month. The *Miss Massachusetts Preliminary Competition* is on Friday, July 1 at 7 p.m. The final competition, the *Miss Massachusetts Pageant*, is on Saturday, July 2 at 7 p.m. **Tickets are on sale now.**

All of the contestants compete in talent, evening wear, onstage questions and swimsuit during the preliminary competition. In the finals, the top ten contestants compete in talent, evening wear, onstage questions and swimsuit. The evening culminates with the current Miss Massachusetts, Meagan Fuller of Attleboro, crowning the new Miss Massachusetts, who goes on to compete for the title of Miss America.

The Miss Massachusetts Scholarship Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to helping young women recognize their potential. Each year, the Foundation stages the Miss Massachusetts Scholarship Pageant, a preliminary to the Miss America Program, the largest source of scholarship for young women in the country. The Miss Massachusetts Program stands for education, attracting highly motivated young women who are already leaders in their communities. The Program reinforces that the positive aspects of our society are still important and desirable among our nation's youth.

Tickets to the *Miss Massachusetts Preliminary Competition* are \$30. Tickets to the *Miss Massachusetts Pageant* are \$40. 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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