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The Hanover Theatre 2017-2018 Broadway Series Showcases the Best of Broadway



Worcester, Mass. (February 21, 2017) With the 2017-2018 Broadway Series, The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts transports you to England, Germany and all across America without ever having to leave Worcester. The 2017-2018 Broadway Season includes a line-up of shows that have won 24 Tony® Awards, 13 Drama Desk Awards, one Grammy® Award and a Pulitzer Prize. *A Christmas Story, The Musical* opens its 2017-2018 national tour and opens our Broadway subscription series November 9-12, 2017. Come hear the music play when *Cabaret*, Kander & Ebb's Tony Award®-winning musical comes to the theatre December 28-31, 2017. Say goodbye to the old and ring in the new when life imitates art at a special New Year's Eve performance on December 31. Flashback to the 90s... the 1590s when Broadway's hit musical comedy *Something Rotten!* lights up our stage February 20-25, 2018. By popular demand, *Jersey Boys*, Broadway's Tony Award®-winning musical about Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, returns March 15-18, 2018. With its memorable score and timeless message of love and friendship, *RENT 20th Anniversary Tour* comes to the theatre April 5-8, 2018. In its Massachusetts premiere, *BRIGHT STAR*, April 12-15, 2018, is the Broadway collaboration of Grammy®, Emmy® and Academy Award®-winning Steve Martin and Grammy Award®-winning Edie Brickell. The seventh Broadway blockbuster will be announced at our Broadway Press and Preview Party, April 24.

About the Award-Winning Broadway Tours Coming to The Hanover Theatre

A Christmas Story, The Musical chronicles young and bespectacled Ralphie Parker as he schemes his way toward the holiday gift of his dreams, an official Red Ryder® Carbine-Action 200-Shot Range Model Air Rifle ("You'll shoot your eye out kid!"). An infamous leg lamp, outrageous pink bunny pajamas, a maniacal department store Santa and a triple-dog-dare to lick a freezing flagpole are just a few of the distractions that stand between Ralphie and his Christmas wish. Chock-full of delightful songs and splashy production numbers, *A Christmas Story, The Musical* has proudly taken its place as a perennial

holiday classic for the whole family. The musical was nominated for three Tony Awards® including Best New Musical, Best Original Score and Best Book of a Musical.

Based on Roundabout Theatre Company's Tony Award®-winning production, Sam Mendes ("Skyfall", "American Beauty") and Ron Marshall ("Into the Woods" and "Chicago", the films) bring *Cabaret* to The Hanover Theatre December 28-31, 2017. Welcome to the infamous Kit Kat Klub, where the Emcee, Sally Bowles and a raucous ensemble take the stage nightly to tantalize the crowd – and to leave their troubles outside. But as life in pre-WWII Germany grows more and more uncertain, will the decadent allure of Berlin nightlife be enough to get them through their dangerous times? Come hear some of the most memorable songs in theatre history, including "Cabaret," "Willkommen" and "Maybe This Time." Leave your troubles outside – life is beautiful at *Cabaret*– John Kander, Fred Ebb and Joe Masteroff's Tony Award®-winning musical about following your heart while the world loses its way.

Something Rotten! comes to the theatre February 20-25, 2018. Set in the '90s – the 1590s – this hilarious smash tells the story of Nick and Nigel Bottom, two brothers who are desperate to write their own hit play while the "rock star" Shakespeare keeps getting all the hits. When a local soothsayer foretells that the future of theatre involves singing, dancing and acting at the same time, Nick and Nigel set out to write the world's very first MUSICAL! The New York Post calls *Something Rotten!*, "a big, fat hit!".

Go behind the music and inside the story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons in this Tony Award®-winning true-life musical phenomenon. From the streets of New Jersey to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, this is the musical that's just too good to be true. They were just four guys from Jersey, until they sang their very first note. They had a sound nobody had ever heard... and the radio just couldn't get enough. But while their harmonies were perfect on stage, off stage it was a very different story—a story that has made them an international sensation all over again. *Jersey Boys* features the legendary hits "Sherry", "Big Girls Don't Cry", "Walk Like A Man", "Can't Take My Eyes Off You" and "December, 1963 (Oh What A Night)."

In 1996, an original rock musical by a little-known composer opened on Broadway and forever changed the landscape of American theatre. Two decades later, Jonathan Larson's *RENT* continues to speak loudly and defiantly to audiences across generations and all over the world. Now this Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award®-winning masterpiece returns to the stage in a vibrant 20th anniversary touring production, coming to The Hanover Theatre April 5-8, 2018. A re-imagining of Puccini's "La Bohème", *RENT* follows an unforgettable year in the lives of seven artists struggling to follow their dreams without selling out. With its inspiring message of joy and hope in the face of fear, this timeless celebration of friendship and creativity reminds us to measure our lives with the only thing that truly matters—love.

From Grammy®, Emmy® and Academy Award®-winning Steve Martin and Grammy Award®-winning Edie Brickell comes *BRIGHT STAR*, the five-time Tony®-nominated, new Broadway musical that The New York Times called "a shining achievement." Directed by Tony® winner Walter Bobbie and inspired

by a real event, this original musical tells a sweeping tale of love and redemption set against the rich backdrop of the American South in the 1920s and '40s. Propelled by an ensemble of onstage musicians and dancers, the story unfolds as a rich tapestry of deep emotion, beautiful melodies and powerfully moving performances. *BRIGHT STAR* – as refreshingly genuine as it is daringly hopeful – is “Broadway’s most beautiful show” (WABC).

Subscribers Get the Best Seats at the Best Price with New Payment Options for 2017-2018

New this year, you can renew your subscription now and defer payments until June 2017. See all seven shows for as little as eight monthly payments of less than \$35 (all seven shows) or less than \$30 (any six shows). That’s a saving of \$72-\$107 per adult. Student subscribers will save even more. Plus you’ll receive a complimentary Friend Level membership, first access to tickets, discounts for select shows throughout the season, ticket exchanges into alternate performances of the same show and much more! The renewal deadline is March 21.

Please note that all shows are subject to change. For more information, please visit TheHanoverTheatre.org/Subscriptions or call the box office at 877.571.SHOW (7469). To reserve a new subscription, please visit TheHanoverTheatre.org/Subscribe.

About The Hanover Theatre

The Hanover Theatre continues to draw over 197,000 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). POLLSTAR consistently ranks The Hanover Theatre as one of the Top Theatres in the World. After eight seasons, the award-winning, historic theatre continues to establish its place as a world-class performing arts venue, acting as a catalyst for the economic development of downtown Worcester. The Hanover Theatre’s acquisition of 551 Main Street houses new function space, offices, rental space for a restaurant on the ground floor and The Hanover Theatre Conservatory for the Performing Arts on the lower level.

Worcester Center for Performing Arts, a registered not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, owns and operates The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts and Conservatory. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

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