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Whistle A Happy Tune! *The King and I* Just Added to the 2017-2018 Broadway Series



Worcester, Mass. (April 24, 2017) With the 2017-2018 Broadway Series, The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts will transport you to Europe, the Far East and all across America without ever having to leave Worcester. Just announced, the production that Variety calls “absolutely stunning”, *The King and I* will close out the 2017-2018 Broadway Series from May 15-20, 2018. One of Rodgers & Hammerstein’s finest works, *The King and I* boasts a score that features such beloved classics as “Getting To Know You,” “I Whistle a Happy Tune,” “Hello Young Lovers,” “Shall We Dance” and “Something Wonderful.”

Winner of the 2015 Tony Award® for Best Musical Revival, *The King and I* is “too beautiful to miss” (New York Magazine). Two worlds collide in the Lincoln Center Theater production of this “breathtaking and exquisite” (The New York Times) musical, directed by Bartlett Sher. Set in 1860’s Bangkok, the musical tells the story of the unconventional and tempestuous relationship that develops between the King of Siam and Anna Leonowens, a British schoolteacher whom the modernist King, in an imperialistic world, brings to Siam to teach his many wives and children.

With the eagerly anticipated announcement of *The King and I* as the 7th and final show in the 2017-2018 Broadway Series, 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. Subscription packages are on sale now.

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

A Christmas Story, The Musical opens its 2017-2018 national tour and opens our Broadway subscription series November 9-12, 2017. 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.

Come hear the music play when *Cabaret*, comes to the theatre December 28-31, 2017. Leave your troubles outside – life is beautiful at Cabaret– John Kander, Fred Ebb and Joe Masteroff’s Tony®-winning musical about following your heart while the world loses its way. Featuring some of the most memorable songs in theatre history, including “Cabaret,” “Willkommen” and “Maybe This Time.”

Flashback to the 90s... the 1590s when Broadway’s hilarious musical comedy *Something Rotten!* lights up our stage February 20-25, 2018. *Something Rotten!* tells the story of two brothers who set out to write the world’s very first MUSICAL!

By popular demand, *Jersey Boys*, Broadway’s Tony Award®- winning musical about Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, returns March 15-18, 2018. 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.

With its memorable score and timeless message of love and friendship, *RENT 20th Anniversary Tour* comes to the 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.

In its New England premiere, direct from Broadway, *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 that tells a sweeping tale of love and redemption set against the rich backdrop of the American South in the 1920s and ‘40s.

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!

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.

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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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