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***A Christmas Carol* returns with new magic**

**The Hanover Theatre celebrates with 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary production**



**WORCESTER, Mass. (June 27, 2017)** Celebrate the holiday season with the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Production of *A Christmas Carol* at The Hanover Theatre for Performing Arts, December 15 – 23. Generously sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, this is New England’s largest production of the Charles Dickens classic. Tickets are now on sale to members of The Hanover Theatre and go on sale to the general public on Wednesday, July 5 at 10 a.m.

President and CEO Troy Siebels updates his innovative adaptation each year to provide a new, yet familiar experience, and audiences can expect more magic than ever in 2017. The show includes an array of spectacles from special effects to spectacular flying stunts.

“New for this year’s production, the theatre will partner with theatre district, maker space Technocopia,” Siebels said. “We’ll use cutting-edge technology to bring new magic to one of the show’s characters.”

The production also offers a unique sound with musical accompaniment by the theatre’s Mighty Wurlitzer Organ, which has more than 2,400 pipes. New and returning cast members tell the story of curmudgeonly miser Ebenezer Scrooge, who is visited by the ghosts of Christmases Past, Present and Future. This brilliant musical, set with timeless music, colorful costumes and spectacular lighting and scenery, follows Scrooge as he discovers the true spirit of the holiday season.

Jeremy Lawrence returns as Scrooge for the sixth year in a row, having guest starred on TV's "The Blacklist" and "Shades of Blue," as well as worked with directors Brian De Palma, Rob Howard and Stephen Daldry. Lawrence is also known for his portrayal of playwright Tennessee Williams.

A sensory-friendly performance will be held December 17 at 11 a.m., and enhanced audio descriptive services and ASL interpretation will be available at the December 17, 4 p.m. performance. Audiences are also invited to stay after the December 20, 7 p.m. performance for a post-performance discussion with members of the cast. For information on student matinees, contact Kelly Rourke, education assistant, at [krourke@thehanovertheatre.org](mailto:krourke@thehanovertheatre.org) or 508.471.1765.

Tickets to the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Production of *A Christmas Carol* start at \$28, with discounts available to members of The Hanover Theatre, seniors and groups of 10 or more. Students and kids are half price. Tickets 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 197,000 patrons annually with world-class performances and headlining acts including Broadway hits ("Les Misérables," "Kinky Boots"), comedians (Dave Chappelle, Jay Leno, Jerry Seinfeld), musical acts (Neil Young, Aretha Franklin, John Legend, Tony Bennett) and everything in between ("A Christmas Carol," Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre, Alton Brown, Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson). POLLSTAR consistently ranks The Hanover Theatre as one of the Top Theatres in the World. After nine 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 recently acquired 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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