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## **Jazz legend Bucky Pizzarelli to perform with the Vaughn Monroe Orchestra at The Hanover Theatre**



**WORCESTER, Mass. (September 5, 2017)** Join Bucky Pizzarelli and the namesake who helped start his career in an evening of live music, Sunday, October 15 at 4 p.m. at The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts. Tickets are on sale now for theatre members and go on sale to the public Tuesday, September 12 at 10 a.m.

For more than seven decades, the legendary Bucky Pizzarelli has had a stellar career. The guitarist got his start at age 17 playing with Vaughn Monroe. As “the complete jazz musician,” he has been a fixture in jazz and the studios since the 1940s. The list of big bands and vocalists with whom Bucky has performed and recorded reads like a veritable who’s who of jazz. One of the era’s most solid rhythm players, Pizzarelli is in high demand, playing and touring with Benny Goodman, Zoot Sims, Bud Freeman, Stephane Grappelli, The Tonight Show Band and Frank Sinatra. Most recently, he recorded with Paul McCartney on his new Grammy Award winning album, “Kisses on the Bottom.” At the age of 91, he still tours and performs all over the world.

The Pizzarelli sound is unmistakable, and the beloved guitarist has developed a very personal style that sets him apart. Now, for the first time since 1953, the rhythm guitar master returns as a special guest with the new Vaughn Monroe Orchestra.

The Vaughn Monroe Orchestra transports the audience to October 1949, just after World War II. Under the direction of Dan Gabel, the orchestra performs Monroe's hits, along with the Moon Maids vocal group, a dancing duo, a comedian, and skits from the Camel Caravan radio and TV show. Audiences hear songs including "Racing with the Moon," "There, I've Said It Again," "Ballerina," "Let it Snow" and "Ghost Riders in the Sky." The orchestra uses original hand-written manuscripts through special arrangement with the Monroe family and New England Conservatory.

Tickets to *Bucky Pizzarelli and the Vaughn Monroe Orchestra* start at \$25. Discounts are available to members of The Hanover Theatre and groups of 10 or more. 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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