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***The King & I* brings “something wonderful” to Worcester**



WORCESTER, Mass. (November 7, 2017) – Tickets are now on sale for one of Rodgers and Hammerstein’s finest works, *The King and I*, playing at The Hanover Theater for the Performing Arts Tuesday, May 15 through Sunday, May 20, 2018. *The King and I* is generously sponsored by Webster Five, with media support from 96-1 WSRS.

Two worlds collide in the Lincoln Center Theater production of this “breathtaking and exquisite” (*The New York Times*) musical, directed by Bartlett Sher, a College of the Holy Cross graduate. *The King and I* boasts a score that features such beloved songs as “Getting To Know You,” “I Whistle a Happy Tune,” “Hello Young Lovers,” “Shall We Dance” and “Something Wonderful.”

Set in 1860s Bangkok, the musical tells the story of the unconventional and tempestuous relationship 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. Winner of the 2015 Tony® Award for Best Musical Revival, *The King and I* is “too beautiful to miss” (*New York Magazine*).

Tickets to *The King and I* start at \$51, with discounts available for theatre members and groups of 10 or more, and are also available as a part of the theatre’s 2017-2018 Broadway Series subscription. 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. Audio description will be available at the May 20, 1 p.m. performance, and ASL interpretation will be available at the May 20, 6:30 p.m. performance.

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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