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The Newsboys unite in Worcester



Worcester, Mass. (January 30, 2018) The Grammy®-nominated, Platinum-selling Newsboys welcome back to the stage former bandmates Peter Furler and Phil Joel for the *Newsboys United Tour*, showcasing all the hits at The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts on Thursday, April 18 at 7 p.m. Tickets go on sale to theatre members on Thursday, February 1 at 10 a.m. and go on sale to the general public on Friday, February 2 at 10 a.m.

One of the most influential bands in Christian music history, Newsboys have amassed eight Gold® certifications, 33 number one radio hits, four Grammy® nominations, two American Music Award nominations and multiple Dove Awards. Comprised of Michael Tait (lead vocals), Jody Davis (guitar), Jeff Frankenstein (keys) and Duncan Phillips (drums), Newsboys' signature songs include "We Believe," "He Reigns," "Miracles," "Born Again" and their Platinum-certified mega hit, "God's Not Dead." The latter inspired one of the most popular Christian film franchises of all time, PureFlix's "God's Not Dead" and "God's Not Dead 2," both of which included appearances by the band.

"Taking the stage with two men who indelibly shaped the history of this band will be an unforgettable experience for us all," Tait said. "We can't wait to share these special moments with our fans as well."

Peter Furler, a founding member of Newsboys and the group's former drummer and lead vocalist, embarked on a successful solo career in 2009. During his tenure, the

band earned five Gold® recordings and released such classic hits as "Shine," "Breakfast" and "He Reigns." As Newsboys' bass player, Joel was featured on multiple albums and sang lead on the group's hit single "Entertaining Angels." Since his departure, Joel has bowed seven recordings as well as 2015's acclaimed Word Worship set, *Zealand Worship – The EP*.

"I'm really excited to share the stage with the guys again," Joel said. "The timing and heart behind this tour feels so right and I'm pumped for Newsboys fans both past and present to join us!"

The *Newsboys United Tour* will also feature special guest Word Worship recording artist Zealand, which is founded and fronted by Joel.

Tickets to *Newsboys United Tour* start at \$23.50. VIP and Premium packages are also available. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more. Tickets can be purchased 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.

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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