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Classical trio *The Priests* coming to The Hanover Theatre



Worcester, Mass. (July 24, 2018) *The Priests 2018 US Tour* comes to The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts on Friday, November 16 at 7:30 p.m., generously sponsored by Assumption College. Tickets are on sale now to members and go on sale to the general public on Tuesday, July 31 at 10 a.m.

Fathers Eugene O'Hagan, Martin O'Hagan and David Delargy are Roman Catholic priests from Northern Ireland who have been in the priesthood for more than 20 years and singing together since their early teens. The trio was an overnight success almost 40 years in the making. Released in 2008 in more than 40 countries, their debut album featured versions of spiritual songs and Irish tunes, selling more than one million copies in Ireland alone.

One minute they were sitting in confession, listening to the troubles of rural parishioners in Northern Ireland, the next they were collecting gold and platinum discs from Ireland, the UK, Sweden, Spain, Belgium, France, Norway, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. One minute they were making their way to isolated farms to meet members of their local community, the next they were being flown to St. Peter's Basilica to record at The Vatican.

The Priests view their music as a force for good. It has a unifying quality that brings together people of all faiths.

“Music is a language all of its own,” Martin said. “It can speak where words cannot. When we perform live we have a wonderful opportunity to engage with the audience. We find it very uplifting and reassuring. But I always keep in my mind that there will be people in the audience who need a good night out. It’s not a vigil. There is humor and banter, and we sing secular pieces as well. The audience goes home with a spring in their step, and so do we.”

Tickets to *The Priests 2018 US Tour* start at \$35. Discounts are available to members of The Hanover Theatre and groups of 10 or more. 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. For more information on group sales, contact Daniella Marie at 508.471.1763 or daniella@thehanovertheatre.org.

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 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 551 Main Street space houses new function rooms, administrative offices, space for a restaurant to open in 2018 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 and Conservatory for the Performing Arts. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

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