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The Hanover Theatre receives Worcester Arts Council Grant



Worcester, Mass. (April 17, 2018) The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts was awarded a grant from the Worcester Arts Council to facilitate a Creative Drama Workshop in collaboration with Pernet Family Health Services.

The workshop included a six-week series of sessions with a teaching artist from The Hanover Theatre Conservatory and youth from Pernet Family Health Services. The students worked in small and large groups, encouraged to identify and express their feelings through creative, writing, movement and acting exercises. The workshop was provided at no cost to the students.

“The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts is thrilled to have the opportunity to work with Pernet Family Health Service Youth Group on this artistic venture,” said Meghan Montaner, director of education for The Hanover Theatre. “Two critical components of our most recent strategic plan include engagement and inclusivity, and this project serves both goals. We are firmly committed to increasing peripheral community outreach and engaging a more diverse population, as well as expanding our identity as a thriving arts education center.”

This Worcester Arts Council is supported in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

About Worcester Arts Council

The mission of the Worcester Arts Council is to promote excellence, access, education and diversity in the arts, humanities and interpretative sciences to improve the quality of life for Worcester residents and contribute to the economic vitality of our City. The

Worcester Arts Council is a municipal body consisting of nine members appointed by the City Manager. The Council is charged with promoting the cultural affairs of the City of Worcester and allocating funds received by the Council for cultural projects and programs.

About Pernet Family Health Services

Pernet Family Health Service is a vibrant, family-centered and resource-rich partner in the development of strong, healthy and self-sufficient families and individuals who participate actively in community life. Their multitude of programs target social isolation, lack of resources to meet basic needs, housing instability, risk of abuse and neglect, exposure to violence, risk of developmental delay and school failure, and barriers to access to community services.

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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