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The Hanover Theatre seeks young female child actresses for the hit Broadway show *Waitress*, in town this May



Worcester, Mass. (March 15, 2019) The Tony®-nominated musical, *Waitress*, is looking for two young girls to perform the role of Lulu during its limited Worcester engagement, May 22-26. *Waitress* is generously sponsored by UniBank and Worcester State University and is a part of The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts 10th Anniversary Broadway Series.

Waitress tells the story of Jenna, an expert pie baker working at a local diner and stuck in a loveless marriage. Her salvation comes in the form of her daughter, Lulu. The character of Lulu is a sweet and carefree four to five-year-old girl who appears in the production's finale scene.

The "search for Lulu" will take place on Thursday, April 18, with four sessions at 10 am, 11 am, 1 pm and 2 pm at The Hanover Theatre Conservatory, located at 551 Main Street in downtown Worcester. Each session will last approximately one hour. Space is strictly limited to the first 60 applicants to sign up, with a limit of 15 children per session. The audition will consist of the child repeating two lines from the show. If possible, parents should bring a current head shot and resume for each child. Headshot, resume and prior acting experience is not required. Qualified young girls should be shorter than four foot, two inches and no older than five years and three months. Individual applicants are welcome, as are sets of twins or siblings. Parents/guardians must fill out the audition registration form for each applicant.

Two girls will be chosen to share the role of Lulu. Each actress should be prepared to step in at any of the eight scheduled performances. For more information and to register your child to audition, visit TheHanoverTheatre.org/searchforlulu.

Brought to life by a groundbreaking all-female creative team, *Waitress* features original music and lyrics by six-time Grammy® nominee Sara Bareilles ("Brave," "Love Song"), a book by acclaimed screenwriter Jessie Nelson ("I Am Sam") and direction by Tony® Award winner Diane Paulus ("Finding Neverland," "Pippin" and "Hair").

Inspired by Adrienne Shelley's beloved film, this irresistible new hit is "an empowering musical of the highest order," raves the *Chicago Tribune*. "*Waitress* is a little slice of heaven" says

Entertainment Weekly, and “a monumental contribution to Broadway” according to *Marie Claire*. Don’t miss this uplifting musical celebrating friendship, motherhood and the magic of a well-made pie.

Tickets to *Waitress* start at \$45. 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 and Conservatory for the Performing Arts

The Hanover Theatre has entertained more than 2 million patrons with world-class performances and headlining acts including Broadway hits (“Jersey Boys,” “Kinky Boots,” “Something Rotten!”), 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 facilities at 551 Main Street house new function spaces, offices and The Hanover Theatre Conservatory.

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