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**The Hanover Theatre hosting pie recipe competition in honor
of Broadway's *Waitress***



Worcester, Mass. (May 3, 2019) The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts is searching for a creative pie recipe inspired by Jenna's signature pies in Broadway's *Waitress* the musical, coming to Worcester May 22-26.

Submit your most whimsical pie recipe for a treat that expresses your hopes, dreams, fears or frustrations... something baked right from the heart. A group of finalists will be invited to bring their pie on Charter TV3's *The Hank Stolz Experience* for a tasting, where guest judges will choose a winner. The winner's recipe will be featured as an insert in the official *Waitress* cookbook, sold every night at the theatre. The winner will also be featured on The Hanover Theatre and *Waitress* social media channels. All finalists receive tickets to opening night of *Waitress* on Wednesday, May 22. Entries should be sent by Wednesday, May 15 to contests@thehanovertheatre.org.

Tickets are on sale now for all performances of *Waitress*, generously sponsored by UniBank and Worcester State University. *Waitress* follows Jenna, a waitress and expert pie-maker, as she dreams of a way out of her small town and rocky marriage. Pouring her heart into her pies, she crafts desserts that mirror her topsy-turvy life such as "The Key (Lime) to Happiness Pie" and "Betrayed By My Eggs Pie." When a baking contest in a nearby county and a satisfying run-in with someone new show Jenna a chance at a fresh start, she must find the courage to seize it. Change is on the menu, as long as Jenna can write her own perfectly personal recipe for happiness.

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

“*Waitress* is a little slice of heaven!” says *Entertainment Weekly*, and is “sweet, sassy and passionate” according to *New York Magazine*. Don’t miss this uplifting and hilarious musical!

Tickets for *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 a soon-to-open restaurant.

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