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**Holiday favorite *The Nutcracker* returns with all-new designs**



**Worcester, Mass. (August 2, 2019)** A magical holiday tradition returns to Worcester when The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts presents its annual production of Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker*, Thanksgiving weekend, Friday, November 29 through Sunday, December 1. *The Nutcracker* is generously sponsored by Commerce Bank, a division of Berkshire Bank. Tickets go on sale to members on Monday, August 5 at 10 am and to the public on Tuesday, August 13 at 10 am.

Featuring live music from The Hanover Theatre Nutcracker Orchestra, this production of *The Nutcracker* enchants with its brilliant dancing and vibrant costumes. This year, the production features all-new scenic designs, reimaged by Broadway scenic designer Christine Peters. Peters has worked on several shows on Broadway over the past 14 years, including well-known hits "The Book of Mormon," "Miss Saigon" and "King Kong." Peters also led the scenic design for the national Broadway tour of "Elf The Musical."

*The Nutcracker* is a two-act ballet by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky first performed in Russia in December 1892 and based on the stories of E.T.A. Hoffmann and Alexandre Dumas. The story revolves around Clara, a young girl who receives a nutcracker doll as a Christmas gift and then enters a magical world where the Nutcracker and other characters come to life.

Tickets to *The Nutcracker* start at \$32, with discounts available for theatre members and groups of 10 or more. Tickets are available online at [TheHanoverTheatre.org](http://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](mailto:daniella@thehanovertheatre.org).

### **Save more the day tickets go on sale!**

*The Nutcracker* joins over 20 new shows on sale throughout the month of August. Save \$5-\$12 on every ticket you buy (from 10am - midnight) the day they go on sale to the public. Handling fees are waived ONLY on the day each show goes on public sale. Sign up online at [TheHanoverTheatre.org/AugustMania](http://TheHanoverTheatre.org/AugustMania) to receive a reminder when your favorite shows go on sale. Become a member for as little as \$75 and get first access to single tickets plus save 10% off on Member Mondays throughout August. All price levels are available in the orchestra when tickets go on sale. When they're gone, they're gone, so don't delay! Handling fees are not waived on Member Mondays.

The more you buy, the more you save! Become a seven-show Broadway subscriber and save 15% on Broadway single ticket prices or choose four or more Broadway shows and save 10% on a FLEX package. Interest-free payment plans are available online at [TheHanoverTheatre.org/subscriptions](http://TheHanoverTheatre.org/subscriptions).

### **About The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts**

The Hanover Theatre has entertained more than two 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 11 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 function spaces, offices and The Hanover Theatre Conservatory. 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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