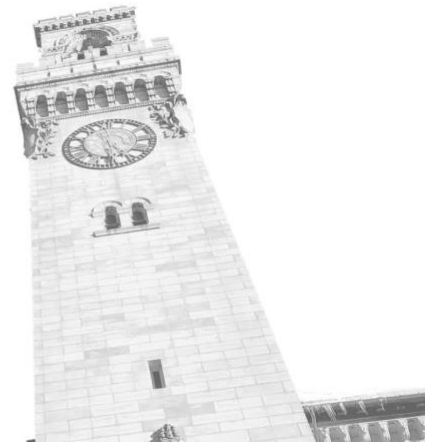




SHAKESPEARE'S JULIUS CAESAR



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The Hanover Theatre Repertory announces first “Worc at Play” cohort ahead of summer *Julius Caesar* performances

Worcester, Mass. (May 21, 2021) The Hanover Theatre Repertory (THT Rep) is proud to introduce its first class of Worc at Play actor trainees!

Lyndsey Hawkes
Yahya Jingo
Ellen Lokos
Cristiano Lourenço, Jr.
Gideon Malugge
Michael Skrzek

A new initiative dedicated to cultivating local acting talent, Worc at Play is offered in partnership with The Hanover Theatre Conservatory and provides no-cost actor training and performance opportunities to greater Worcester residents ages 18+.

"Worc at Play is such a rich project! I have never experienced the techniques Olivia teaches us," says Lourenço, current trainee. "I highly recommend for trained actors, or those who have never been on a stage before." This first class of trainees was selected from close to 30 applicants. The trainees meet each week for a 3-hour class with THT Rep's artistic director, Livy Scanlon, and will play ensemble roles in THT Rep's upcoming production of *Julius Caesar*.

About *Julius Caesar*

Julius Caesar will run this upcoming August, with all performances available free and open to the public. Far from a five-hour snoozer, the show will run approximately 90 minutes with intermission. Togas and crowd participation will be encouraged, as audience members will have the opportunity to boo and cheer along with the action. As with THT Rep's past productions, COVID-19 safety guidelines will be enforced.

This production of *Julius Caesar* is presented in partnership with the City of Worcester with support from the Worcester Business Improvement District, presenting sponsors [Assumption University](#) and [BayState Savings Bank](#), supporting sponsors [Lundgren Honda of](#)

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About The Hanover Theatre Repertory



A new initiative of The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts, The Hanover Theatre Repertory is committed to engaging, entertaining and energizing audiences with dynamic theatrical events made in and for Worcester, with a focus on classics, modern classics and classics-inspired works. Learn more at TheHanoverTheatre.org/THTRep.

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 12 seasons, the award-winning, historic theatre continues to establish its place as a world-class performing arts venue and 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.

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