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The Hanover Theatre Repertory to host auditions for Julius Caesar

Worcester, Mass. (February 12, 2021) The Hanover Theatre Repertory (THT Rep) invites professional and aspiring actors to audition for a timely production of William Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*. Presented in partnership with the City of Worcester and subsidized by sponsors including <u>Assumption University</u> and <u>BayState Savings Bank</u>, the production will be offered free and open to the public on the Worcester City Common this upcoming August.

While *Julius Caesar* normally runs several hours with a cast of 40 men and 2 women, director Livy Scanlon has adapted the play to a swift 90 minutes with roles for 18 actors of all genders.

"We are open to being surprised and to having actors challenge and shape our ideas of the characters," said Scanlon, who also serves as THT Rep's artistic director. She will be joined at the auditions and throughout the production process by associate director and dramaturg Kathryn Moncrief, who also serves as the Head of Humanities and Arts at nearby Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Safe, socially distanced auditions for professional union and non-union actors will be held in person at The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts on Wednesday, February 24 and Thursday, February 25 from 6 pm – 9 pm, with callbacks at the same time on Monday, March 1. Virtual Equity Principal Auditions will be announced on the <u>Actors' Equity</u> <u>Association</u> website.

Adults interested in learning acting are encouraged to audition for THT Rep's newest initiative, Worc at Play: Actor Training and Performance for Greater Worcester Residents, offered in partnership with The Hanover Theatre Conservatory. This no-cost program will offer professional actor training to a select group of local adults, who will then be cast in small roles in the production of *Julius Caesar*. All aspiring performers 18 and older are encouraged to audition, including absolute beginners.

For more information on auditions, including a list of available roles and instructions for scheduling an audition appointment, please visit <u>TheHanoverTheatre.org/thtrepauditions</u>.

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.

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 and, on behalf of the Worcester Cultural Coalition, manages Worcester's new BrickBox Theater at the Jean McDonough Arts Center. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

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 a diverse audience with dynamic theatrical events made in and for Worcester's BrickBox Theater, with a focus on classics, modern classics and classics-inspired works. Learn more at TheHanoverTheatre.org/THTRep.

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