



A local youth group participates in a devised theatre workshop at the conservatory in 2018.

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The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory Announces the Worcester Youth Speak Honestly (WYSH) Project 2021

Worcester, Mass. (April 14, 2021) [The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory](#) is thrilled to announce a new opportunity for Worcester youth ages 14-18, the Worcester Youth Speak Honestly (WYSH) Project. The conservatory is seeking a group of Worcester youth interested in creating an original piece of theatre based on their life experiences.

According to Meghan Montaner, director of education at The Hanover Theatre Conservatory, “We know that the youth in our community have powerful stories to tell right now and we are eager to provide them with the space to do so. Theatre creates an incredible opportunity for us to share the diverse stories of our community. The collaborative nature of devised theatre will allow each unique voice to be heard in a safe, supportive environment. We are grateful to the Worcester Arts Council for championing this effort.”

For those interested in the WYSH Project 2021, The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory will host an informational Zoom meeting on Monday, April 19 at 4 p.m. Email Sharon Hart at Sharon@thehanovertheatre.org to RSVP.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the [Worcester Arts Council](#), a local agency, which is supported by the [Mass Cultural Council](#), a state agency.

Participants in the WYSH Project 2021 must:

- Live or attend school in Worcester.
- Be 14 – 18 years old.
- Be able to attend most meetings, rehearsals and performances.
- Have a desire to share their story and a willingness to perform in front of an audience.

Participants will work with professional theatre artists each week, and free food will be provided at each meeting. They will also have the opportunity to perform at [the BrickBox Theater](#). The schedule for the WYSH Project 2021 is as follows:

- May 7 - 21: three hours each Friday evening
- May 27 - July 1: three hours each Thursday evening
- July 5 - 8: Monday through Thursday evening rehearsals
- July 9 - 10: performances TBD
- July 11: afternoon cast party

If you are interested in participating but can't make the informational meeting, please email or call Sharon Hart at Sharon@thehanovertheatre.org or call 508.471.1792.

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.

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