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Auburn locals to be featured in *The Nutcracker* at The Hanover Theatre



Pictured: Erin Sullivan, Maia Beaudry, Shannon Courtney, Ella Kennedy, Violet Thomas, Taelyn Saldaña, Lyla Mange (Photo by Gloria Agossou)

Worcester, Mass. (October 28, 2021) Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker*, sponsored by Berkshire Bank, will return to The Hanover Theatre on November 26 - 27 at 2pm and 7pm, and November 28 at 1pm.

Local students will be featured in The Hanover Theatre's annual performance of [The Nutcracker](#) this Thanksgiving weekend. *The Nutcracker* is an enchanting 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 enters a magical world where the Nutcracker and other characters come to life. Experience the dazzling new lighting and scenery by Broadway designers!

Auburn residents Erin Sullivan, Maia Beaudry, Shannon Courtney, Ella Kennedy, Violet Thomas, Taelyn Saldaña, and Lyla Mange will be playing the roles of Soldier, Spanish/Flower Corp/Snow Corps, Snow Corps/Arabian, Mouse, Reindeer, Sheep, and Mouse.

"This magical production always satisfies," director of dance Jennifer Agbay said. "It prides itself on tradition, classical dance, beautiful scenery, live orchestral music and the belief that dreams really do come true!"

Tickets are \$39, \$45, and \$54 depending on seat location. Please contact the box office at 877.571.SHOW (7469) for more information. [Book a group](#) of 10 or more to *The Nutcracker* by November 15 and everyone in your group will receive a special keepsake item to commemorate the occasion.

Please note, for the comfort and safety of all of our patrons, staff, volunteers, and performers/artists, we respectfully require proof of COVID-19 vaccination or a negative result for a COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours of your visit to the theatre. Children under 12 are exempt, provided they are accompanied by an adult who is fully vaccinated. Information will be checked against a valid photo ID prior to entry and the wearing of CDC-approved masks is required while inside the theatre.

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, Sarah Brightman, 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, 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.

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