

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

***Open Auditions for The Nutcracker and Youth Ballet Company at  
The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts***



**Worcester, Mass. (August 20, 2022)**

The Hanover Theatre Conservatory will be holding open auditions for the Youth Ballet Company on August 30 and The Nutcracker on September 11. These auditions are open to the public and outside dancers are encouraged to audition. To learn more and to register, please visit [TheHanoverTheatre.org/conservatory/performance-opportunities/](https://TheHanoverTheatre.org/conservatory/performance-opportunities/).

**The Youth Ballet Company**

Auditions for the Youth Ballet Company will be held on Tuesday, August 30 from 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM. Students are distinguished by Apprentice, Junior and Senior Company divisions, and only the topmost dancers are selected for this company by invitation. The company was created to give young, capable dancers a pre-professional experience for a professional dance lifestyle, which includes a rigorous dance training schedule, rehearsals 3 to 4 times per week to learn compositions in diverse styles of dance, professional quality performances on stage and master classes with topmost master teachers from all over the country.

Dancers must be between the ages of 10-20 years old. Classical ballet attire must be worn by female dancers, and a white t-shirt and black tights for male dancers. Please arrive 15 minutes early to fill out registration paperwork. No resumes are required, however dancers should bring a headshot measuring 5x7 or larger. Dancers are to bring pointe shoes if they have two or more years of training.

There is no fee to audition for the Youth Ballet Company. Auditions are open to the public and outside dancers are encouraged to audition. Please contact Jennifer Agbay, The Hanover

Theatre and Conservatory's director of dance, at 508.471.1794 or [jennifer@thehanovertheatre.org](mailto:jennifer@thehanovertheatre.org) to RSVP.

## **The Nutcracker**

This year's production of [The Nutcracker](#), generously sponsored by Berkshire Bank, returns to The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts' stage this Thanksgiving weekend, November 25 - 27. Auditions for *The Nutcracker* will be held on Sunday, September 11.

*The Nutcracker* Audition times:

Ages 13+, 9 AM – 11 AM

Ages 10-12, 11:30 AM – 1 PM

Ages 7-9, 1:15 PM – 3 PM

*The Nutcracker* Callback times:

Ages 7-9, 3:15 PM – 4:30 PM

Ages 10-12, 4:45 PM – 6 PM

Ages 13+, 6:15 PM – 7:30 PM

Dancers are to bring pointe shoes if they have two or more years of training. Please note that call back sessions are the same day as auditions. If a dancer does not return for their call back, the audition will be terminated. Dancers will be assessed on their technique, skill level and ability via a technical ballet class where students work on barre exercises, center practice, and combinations en diagonale.

An audition fee of \$45 for non-Conservatory students and \$15 for Conservatory students is required at the time of audition. All dancers must register for the audition and pre-registration is highly recommended and preferred. Please visit The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts' website to fill out the [audition registration form](#). If you are not registered, you may not audition. As this is an open audition, parents and guardians are permitted to stay and watch from balcony seating within the theatre.

In order to be considered for an audition, dancers must be 7 years of age or older, able to attend ALL of Production Week (November 19-27, 2022), up to date with COVID-19 Vaccinations in accordance with CDC and physician guidelines and registered for auditions.

For information about audition requirements, please visit [TheHanoverTheatre.org](http://TheHanoverTheatre.org). Please contact Jennifer Agbay, The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory's director of dance, by phone at 508.471.1794 or by email at [jennifer@thehanovertheatre.org](mailto:jennifer@thehanovertheatre.org).

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

Since opening in 2008, The Hanover Theatre has entertained more than two million guests with Broadway musicals, comedy headliners, music, dance and more. POLLSTAR consistently ranks The Hanover Theatre as one of the top theatres in the world. The award-winning historic theatre continues to establish its place as a world-class center for the performing arts, a venue for local cultural and civic organizations and a catalyst for the revitalization of downtown Worcester. The Hanover Theatre's facilities at 551 Main Street house function spaces, offices and The Hanover Theatre Conservatory.

The Hanover Theatre Conservatory provides performance opportunities, classes, and individual instruction in theatre, dance and technical theatre and design to more than 500 young people and adults from across central Massachusetts each year. Established in 2016, the conservatory cultivates individual attention, ignites creativity and inspires confidence through arts education led by outstanding teaching artists. The state-of-the-art facility includes classrooms, rehearsal and teaching studios, and tech and costume labs for advanced education in stage craft and design. Students receive access to master classes with national touring artists and gain professional experience from performance opportunities with THT Rep and on The Hanover Theatre's world-class stage. THTC believes in access to arts education for all and provides financial aid for those in need. Many conservatory students have continued their pursuit of the arts at institutions such as Emerson College, Boston University, NYU, Boston Conservatory at Berklee, Berklee College of Music, Hofstra, Hartt School at the University of Hartford, Marymount Manhattan College, Syracuse University and more.

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