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***Grafton locals to be featured in *The Nutcracker* at
The Hanover Theatre in Worcester***



Back row: Alyssa O’Harra and Elise Drake. Front row: Emily Pulisfier and Emily Piel. Not pictured: Cara Klatt.

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Tchaikovsky’s [*The Nutcracker*](#), sponsored by Berkshire Bank, will return to The Hanover Theatre on November 25-26 at 2 PM and 7 PM, and November 27 at 1 PM.

Local students will be featured in The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts’ 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.

Grafton residents will be playing the following roles in this upcoming production of *The Nutcracker*: Alyssa O’Harra (Soldier), Elise Drake (Big Party Girl & Arabian Attendant), Emily Pulisfier (Small Angel), Emily Piel (Polichinelle) and Cara Klatt (Small Angel).

“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 on sale now! Prices begin at \$39, \$45 and \$52 depending on seat location. Please contact the box office at 877.571.SHOW (7469) or visit TheHanoverTheatre.org for more information. Book a group of 10 and save!

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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