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***Ricky Duran to return to The Hanover Theatre this May with special  
guest Max Boyle***



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Get ready, Worcester! American singer, songwriter and musician Ricky Duran is coming back to the Hanover Theatre. The artist, known for his blues guitar playing and soulful vocals will perform on May 6 in front of a hometown crowd. Duran cemented himself as a trailblazer in the industry as he sang his way to a four-chair turn on NBC's *The Voice*. Judges Blake Shelton, John Legend, Kelly Clarkson and Gwen Stefani all wanted Duran on their team, but it was ultimately Shelton, combined with Duran's unparalleled stage presence, authentic deliveries and undeniable musical talent that guided him to a runner-up finish in season 17.

Duran was a member of the Worcester band The Blue Light Bandits before moving to Austin, Texas where he still resides today. Austin is known for its eclectic live-music scene centered around country, blues and rock and has launched many musicians to stardom. It was there that he recorded his debut album *"Space and Time"*. *"She Closed Her Eyes,"* a tribute to his mother, was the first single released and charted number one on iTunes charts. Duran is widely known for his introspective music that contemplates life's challenges. As an artist, Duran draws inspiration from the world around him.

More recently, Duran partnered with fellow Voice finalist, Katie Kadan, to release his first holiday single, *"This Christmas"* a duet version of the popular Donny Hathaway classic.

Duran will perform brand new music along with selections of already popular original titles and fan-favorite covers he made popular on The Voice.

"I'm pretty excited to be back in Worcester at The Hanover Theatre. Growing up there, I remember thinking how great it would be to get on that stage. It all seemed like a dream, and now I'm back for my second show. It's surreal," Duran said. There are a lot of great songs and favorites to pull from (when creating a set list), but we're definitely going to be introducing some cool, new songs to our fans."

Max Boyle, a Nashville-based singer-songwriter that was also a finalist on The Voice, will appear as a special guest. Boyle recently released his sophomore EP, *"Change is Your Friend?"* to rave reviews. He describes his style as a variety of singer/songwriter, pop, and pop-soul.

"Working with Ricky is going to be cool. I've always loved his style and music and now I'm going to get to be on the same stage with him," Boyle said. "These experiences always remind me how much I love doing this and how much I want to keep making great music so I can get up on a stage and perform. I love connecting with an audience and I love working with other artists."

**Tickets are on sale now!** Tickets will range from \$33 to \$53 with special packages available for meet and greet opportunities. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more. For more information, please contact the box office at **877.571.SHOW (7469)** or visit [TheHanoverTheatre.org](http://TheHanoverTheatre.org).

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### **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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