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# Paddington Gets in a Jam to perform at The Hanover Theatre



"Hilarious! Charming! Captivating!" -*The New York Times* "The hottest family show in town!" -*BroadwayWorld* "Delights audiences of all ages." -*Theatre is Easy* 

Worcester, Mass. (January 13, 2023) The beloved, award-winning stage show <u>Paddington Gets</u> <u>in a Jam</u> comes to The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts in Worcester, MA on Friday, March 10, 2023, at 6:30 pm.

Watch Paddington, the famous, accident-prone bear as he takes on the stage in this fun-filled slapstick comedy.

"Paddington Gets in a Jam is a great show for the whole family. Paddington is a wonderful character, always friendly, polite and eager to be of use to others," says Jonathan Rockefeller, the show's creator and director. "If you've read the 'Paddington' books or seen the movies, you know you are in for all sorts of messy, sticky and hilarious predicaments."

*Paddington Gets in a Jam* is currently on tour following its New York City debut in 2019, where it was a New York Times Critics' Pick.

**Tickets for** <u>*Paddington Gets in a Jam*</u> go on sale to the public Friday, January 13, 2023. Tickets are \$26, \$36 and \$75 depending on seat location. Discounts are available for subscribers and groups of 10 or more. For more information, please contact the box office at **877.571.7469**.

### About the Show

Paddington is making his favorite marmalade jam with the help of the Brown's housekeeper Mrs. Bird, but they run out of sugar, so Paddington heads next door to borrow some from Mr. Curry. The usually grumpy Mr. Curry is even more short tempered than ever as he prepares for a visit from his great aunt who is a stickler for tidiness. Paddington, feeling sorry for Mr. Curry, volunteers to help him with his chores. Unfortunately for Paddington, his good intentions end up leading to chaos, as one by one each of his jobs starts to have an unexpected outcome!

Will Paddington be able to fix everything before Mr. Curry and his great aunt arrive home?

### **Meet Paddington**

Although Paddington now lives in London, he originally came from Peru where he was brought up by his Aunt Lucy after he was orphaned following an earthquake when he was just a few weeks old. When Aunt Lucy went to live in the Home for Retired Bears in Lima, she decided to send him to England to live. Eventually, Paddington arrived on Paddington Station in London where he was found by Mr. and Mrs. Brown. He was sitting on a small suitcase near the lost property office wearing nothing but an old bush hat and a label round his neck with the words "Please Look After This Bear. Thank You."

Unable to resist such a simple request, Mr. and Mrs. Brown took Paddington home to live with them at 32 Windsor Gardens in London, along with their two children and their housekeeper, Mrs. Bird. Paddington is famous for his love of marmalade and he is particularly fond of it in marmalade sandwiches. He always carries a jar of it in his suitcase and he usually has a marmalade sandwich tucked under his hat 'in case of emergencies.'

#### From Page to Stage

For over 60 years, British-born writer Michael Bond has delighted children and families all over the world with his stories about Paddington. Paddington is popular with both children and adults who feel a deep affection and warmth towards him.

Paddington's adventures have been adapted several times for television and twice on the big screen, with Paddington & Paddington 2, with a third film in the works. A new Paddington TV series is currently playing on Nickelodeon.

Paddington Gets in a Jam debuted in New York City in 2019.

## 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.

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