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Celebrating Billy Joel returns to The Hanover Theatre



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[*Celebrating Billy Joel: America's Piano Man*](#) will be coming to The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts on **Sunday, June 4, 2023**, at **7:30 pm**. Tickets are on sale for this performance now!

Celebrating Billy Joel is a tribute band dedicated to honoring the legacy of America's Piano Man, Billy Joel. Joel, known for his meticulous melodies and heartfelt lyrics, is one of the most revered artists in the world, with over 160 million records sold and being inducted in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Joel's hit sophomore album "Piano Man" will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2023 and *Celebrating Billy Joel* will commemorate this occasion by playing tracks the world-renowned LP alongside other iconic pieces from Joel's catalogue such as "Just the Way You Are," "New York State of Mind," "Uptown Girl" and many more.

Alex Dee is a singer and multi-instrumentalist who has been a professional musician for two decades. Dee has worked as a session musician for an eclectic range of artists, most notably playing keyboards and guitar for Graham Gouldman and "10cc" in 2018. Other credits of Dee's include playing saxophone for soul legends "The Flirtations" and as a saxophone player for Jamie N Commons, even opening for Bruce Springsteen in Holland. Dee's role in *Celebrating Billy Joel* sees him return to the artist and the catalogue of songs that ignited his passion for

music in the first place. Dee says: “bringing the songs of Billy Joel to groups of people who love them as much as I do is a pleasure and a privilege.”

An in-demand singer and pianist, Rob Stringer's performing work began in childhood as head chorister with Worcester Cathedral Choir, featuring on many recordings and performing in live concert tours to the USA, Europe and South Africa, where he performed Mendelssohn's “Hear My Prayer” with Cape Town Philharmonic Orchestra at Cape Town Cathedral at age 13. Stringer is a great lover of jazz music, renowned as a performer on the UK Jazz circuit, his style influenced heavily by Harry Connick Jr, Ray Charles and Nat King Cole. Early in his professional piano career, Stringer studied piano technique under the tutelage of Eleanor Hancock in New York City at The Taubman Institute. Stringer is relishing the opportunity to perform in this new show celebrating one of his favorite artists and the chance to combine two of his big musical passions, singing and playing the piano.

Tickets for *Celebrating Billy Joel* are \$19, \$29, \$39 and \$59 depending on seat location. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more. For more information, please visit TheHanoverTheatre.org or contact the box office at **877.571.7469**.

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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