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Charlie Chaplin Double Feature Screening at The Hanover Theatre



Worcester, Mass. (23 February 2023)

The Hanover Theatre will be presenting a double feature of silent films, “The Kid” and “The Immigrant,” starring the legendary Charlie Chaplin along with accompanying live music played by Clark Wilson on the Mighty Wurlitzer Organ on **Sunday, May 14, 2023, at 2 PM.**

“The Immigrant,” released in 1917, stars Chaplin as his iconic character The Tramp aboard a large steamer ship crammed with immigrants. The hopeful Tramp crosses the Atlantic, battling with seasickness. As he wins at gambling, the Tramp takes pity on a struggling single mother and her daughter and decides to share some of his money. His risky approach will soon lead to a wonderful friendship.

“The Kid,” released in 1921, stars Chaplin and was his first feature-length film as director. The film follows Chaplin as The Tramp as he discovers and takes care of an abandoned child. The Tramp and the Kid, played by Jackie Coogan, form an inseparable bond but trouble arises when The Kid falls ill, and the doctor learns of the illegal adoption. The Tramp and the Kid go on the run and with a reward on the child to anyone who brings him in, they must stick together. The film was the second highest grossing movie of the year it was released and is revered as one of the greatest films from the silent era.

Originally from Ohio, Clark Wilson began playing music at the age of 9 and has gone on to become one of the most eminent organists and scorers today. He is the only person to receive both the Organist of the Year and the Technician of the Year awards from the American Theatre Organ Society. Wilson strives to capture the silent film era in its purest form and teaches organ

lessons and silent film scoring at the University of Oklahoma. Wilson is also a regular performer at the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles, scoring silent films every year.

About Clark Wilson

Winner of “The Theatre Organist of the Year Award” in 1998, Clark Wilson has been an organist and conservator for the last thirty years. With a multitude of performances, in addition to having seven albums under his belt, Clark Wilson shares his passion with students as an organ faculty member at the University of Oklahoma, teaching silent film scoring, organ lessons as well as the history of the American theater organ. A talented musician and live performer, Clark’s magical sounds have led to yearly presentations at the Los Angeles Philharmonic Society at the Walt Disney Concert Hall organ.

All tickets are \$20. Seating is general admission. A \$5 per ticket discount is available for subscribers, students and groups of 10 or more. Contact the box office at 877.571.7469 for more information.

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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