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***WICN Public Radio and The Hanover Theatre present 6th Annual Jazz
at Sunset featuring The Verve Jazz Ensemble***



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The Hanover Theatre and WICN Public Radio are excited to announce the highly anticipated 6th Annual Jazz at Sunset event, featuring The Verve Jazz Ensemble. Join us on Friday, August 25, 2023 at 6 PM at The Hanover Theatre, located at 2 Southbridge Street, Worcester, MA 01608 for an unforgettable evening of hot jazz and captivating performances. This event is generously sponsored by Bay State Savings Bank, Downtown Worcester and BJA Magnetics. **Tickets are on sale now!**

Jazz at Sunset has become a beloved tradition at The Hanover Theatre, showcasing the very best in jazz music against the backdrop of a beautiful summer sunset. This year, the event features The Verve Jazz Ensemble, a dynamic New York City-based group renowned for their genre-shifting style that swings from Latin Jazz to hard bop to swing to blues. With a streak of albums topping the JazzWeek charts, their newest release, *All In*, is acclaimed as the group's best recording yet.

It takes a bold, knowledgeable and inventive group to call itself The Verve Jazz Ensemble. It is in the spirit of the Verve label's 1950s-'60s hard bop heyday that The Verve Jazz Ensemble composes, arranges, and performs jazz of a timeless quality. Across eight albums and counting – the latest entitled *All In* – the "VJE" has been satisfying the cravings of critics and audiences alike, consistently placing near or at the very top of the JazzWeek radio chart for the past

decade. No less than Ellis Marsalis, the late, revered patriarch of the highly distinguished Marsalis Family, observed, “The VJE is the new MJQ,” referring to the fabled Modern Jazz Quartet.

Jazz at Sunset offers not only exceptional music but also an inviting atmosphere for attendees to relax and enjoy the company of friends and family. The event will feature a variety of food and beverage options, including a selection of delectable offerings from food trucks and cash bars. Guests are encouraged to bring their own chairs to enhance their comfort as they immerse themselves in the hot sounds of jazz.

Immerse yourself in the mesmerizing melodies of jazz as The Verve Jazz Ensemble takes the stage at The Hanover Theatre for the 6th Annual Jazz at Sunset. Get ready to unwind, tap your toes, and be transported by the captivating performances.

Tickets for *Jazz at Sunset featuring The Verve Jazz Ensemble* are \$30 per person or \$175 for VIP stage-front tables that seat four people. For more information, please visit TheHanoverTheatre.org or contact the box office at **877.571.7469**.

Please note that alcohol MAY NOT be brought in and must be purchased at the event. Gates open at 5PM. This event is rain or shine. There are no refunds, exchanges or rain dates. We will accommodate as best we can, keeping everyone’s safety at the forefront of our minds.

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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