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Celebrate the Kick-Off of THT's Free Concerts on the Outdoor Bank of America Stage at the Francis R. Carroll Plaza Ribbon Cutting!



Worcester, Mass. - The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts (THT) is thrilled to announce the exciting and free [Summer Music Series](#), featuring live entertainment on the newly created Bank of America Stage and culinary delights from a variety of food trucks. “We are excited that the Francis R. Carroll Plaza, with the outdoor Bank of America Stage on our doorstep, will allow us to

offer even more opportunities for free programming to our community,” said Troy Siebels, President & CEO of THT.

Bank of America awarded a \$250,000 grant during the Theatre District Campaign to THT to support the plaza project and help revitalize the theatre district, which includes the plaza and outdoor stage in front of the theatre.

“A vibrant arts and culture scene is a key factor in the revitalization of downtown Worcester. It attracts tourism, creates jobs and has a ripple effect throughout the region’s economy,” said Edwin Shea, president, Bank of America Central Massachusetts. “The new outdoor staging at The Hanover Theatre will serve both as a world-class performance space and as a catalyst for future growth, bringing a whole new level of vitality to the city.”

To kick off the eagerly anticipated unveiling and rededication of the Francis R. Carroll Plaza, THT will be hosting a [ribbon cutting ceremony](#) on Wednesday, July 19 at 4:30 PM. This event is free and open to the public, and will feature music from [Dan Gabel and Kim Hawkey Songbook Duo](#) as well as performers from The Hanover Theatre's upcoming Youth Summer Program production of [Fiddler on the Roof](#). Attendees can also grab a bite to eat from The Dogfather, Bees & Thank You and Easy Street Tacos during the ribbon cutting.

The [Ribbon Cutting](#) is just the start to a fantastic summer of fun on the Bank of America Stage! On the following Wednesday, [July 26](#) at 12 PM, a captivating performance by the talented [Occasional Brass and Strings](#) will be the first of six concerts in the free lunchtime Summer Music Series. Attendees will have the opportunity to savor treats from The Dogfather, Bees & Thank You and Uhlman's Ice Cream food trucks, all starting at noon each week.

The festivities will continue Wednesday, [August 2](#) at noon with a mesmerizing Taiko drumming performance by [Odaiko New England](#). Experience the pulsating beats and cultural richness of this ancient Japanese art form, accompanied by offerings from Coney Island Lunch and Uhlman's Ice Cream.

On [August 9](#), lunchtime will be transformed into a Caribbean oasis as [Becky Bass](#) takes the stage with her steel drums and soulful vocals. Food trucks Bees & Thank You and Uhlman's Ice Cream will be present to fulfill your cravings.

[Boston's Erin Og](#) will grace the [Bank of America Stage](#) on [August 16](#) with their lively Celtic tunes. Immerse yourself in the enchanting melodies and infectious energy while satisfying your hunger with offerings from Bees & Thank You.

Join us on [August 23](#) for a soul-stirring performance by the exceptionally talented bluegrass and folk inspired artist [Rachel Sumner](#). Accompanying this musical experience will be Coney Island Lunch and Uhlman's Ice Cream food trucks.

Concluding the free lunchtime Summer Music Series on Wednesday, [August 30](#), [Dan Gabel and Kim Hawkey Songbook Duo](#) will transport you back to the golden era of 1940s big bands. Swing along to the timeless tunes, and don't forget to treat yourself to snacks at The Dogfather and Easy Street Tacos food trucks.

Please note in the event of inclement weather, all Wednesday lunchtime concerts in the Summer Music Series will be pushed to the following Friday. Food trucks will still show up on Wednesdays, rain or shine and are subject to change.

The summer Lunchtime Concert Series is open to the public and free to attend. These performances are the perfect way to wrap up your summer Wednesdays and celebrate the arts with friends here in Worcester. [RSVP here today](#). For more information, please visit [TheHanoverTheatre.org](#).

About the Francis R. Carroll Plaza and the outdoor Bank of America Stage

The newly reconstructed Francis R. Carroll Plaza is a public outdoor space in front of The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts* dedicated to celebrating art, culture and community. This space pays tribute to Worcester business leader and veteran Francis R. Carroll, who is celebrated locally and nationally for his exceptional contributions to charitable organizations and philanthropic efforts. The vision for the Carroll Plaza was made possible through the collaborative efforts of the City of Worcester, local community organizations and generous contributions from individuals and corporations committed to the city's growth and prosperity. With the addition of the outdoor stage funded by Bank of America and programming of the space by THT, the Bank of America Stage on Carroll Plaza promises a powerful commitment to the arts

through free programming open to the public. Visitors also enjoy the public art installation “Calliope” by Ross Miller, which was inspired by the historic Mighty Wurlitzer organ and features a light display. The reimagined Francis R. Carroll Plaza marks an exciting chapter in Worcester's history, an emblem of its determination to evolve as a thriving cultural destination.

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