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Worcester teens featured in The Hanover Theatre's Fiddler on the Roof this weekend



L to R: Armig Bardizbanian, Noushig Bardizbanian, Brynn Lal, Victoria Rich, Michael Giarusso and Astrid Bidwell.

Worcester, Mass. - Session one of the Youth Summer Program (YSP) at The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts presents [*Fiddler on the Roof*](#) this Friday, July 28 at 7 PM and Saturday, July 29 at 2 PM and 7 PM. The cast includes Worcester teens Armig Bardizbanian (Bielke), Noushig Bardizbanian (Shprintze), Astrid Bidwell (Nachum, the beggar/Woman), Michael Giarusso (Tevye), Brynn Lal (Villager) and Victoria Rich (Hodel).

Featuring iconic and beloved songs such as "Sunrise, Sunset," "If I Were a Rich Man" and "Matchmaker, Matchmaker," *Fiddler on the Roof* is the perfect mix of audience-pleasing humor

and heart. This musical theatre staple won nine Tony® Awards when it debuted in 1964 and continues to wow audiences today, nearly sixty years later.

Set in the little village of Anatevka, *Fiddler on the Roof* centers on Tevye, a poor milkman, and his five daughters. With the help of a colorful and tight-knit Jewish community, Tevye tries to protect his daughters and instill them with traditional values in the face of changing social mores and the growing anti-Semitism of Czarist Russia. Rich in historical and ethnic detail, the show's universal theme of tradition cuts across barriers of race, class, nationality and religion, leaving audiences crying tears of laughter, joy and sadness.

Tickets for *Fiddler on the Roof* are \$25. Seating is general admission. For more information, 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.

The Hanover Theatre Conservatory provides performance opportunities, classes, and individual instruction in theatre, dance and technical theatre and design to more than 500 young people and adults from across central Massachusetts each year. Established in 2016, the conservatory cultivates individual attention, ignites creativity and inspires confidence through arts education led by outstanding teaching artists. The state-of-the-art facility includes classrooms, rehearsal and teaching studios, and tech and costume labs for advanced education in stage craft and design. Students receive access to master classes with national touring artists and gain professional experience from performance opportunities with THT Rep and on The Hanover Theatre's world-class stage. THTC believes in access to arts education for all and provides financial aid for those in need. Many conservatory students have continued their pursuit of the arts at institutions such as Emerson College, Boston University, NYU, Boston Conservatory at Berklee, Berklee College of Music, Hofstra, Hartt School at the University of Hartford, Marymount Manhattan College, Syracuse University and more.

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