

## NEWS RELEASE

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## One of the most legendary rock and roll bands to perform in Worcester



**Worcester, Mass.** - Chicago will be coming to The Hanover Theatre on **Tuesday, November 14, 2023** at **7:30 PM**. Hailed as one of the "most important bands in music since the dawn of the rock and roll era," the legendary rock and roll band with horns, Chicago, came in as the highest-charting American band in Billboard Magazine's Top 125 Artists Of All Time. Chicago is the first American rock band to chart Top 40 albums in six consecutive decades.

Chicago's astounding achievements include two Grammy<sup>®</sup> Awards, two American Music Awards<sup>®</sup>, Founding Artists of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, a Chicago street dedicated in their honor, and keys to and proclamations from an impressive list of US cities. Record sales top the 100,000,000 mark, and include 21 top 10 singles, 5 consecutive number one albums, 11 number one singles and 5 gold singles. An incredible 25 of their 38 albums have been certified platinum.

<u>Chicago</u> have toured every year since the beginning - they've never missed a year. 2023 marks their 56<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of touring. The original three band members are Robert Lamm on keyboards and vocals, Lee Loughnane on trumpet and vocals and James Pankow on trombone.

The band line-up also includes Wally Reyes, Jr. on drums, Tony Obrohta on guitar, Loren Gold on keyboards and vocals, Ray Herrmann on sax and flute, Neil Donell on vocals, Eric Baines on bass and Ramon "Ray" Yslas on percussion.

In 2022, <u>Chicago</u> released their 38th album, "Born for This Moment," which included the hit single "If This is Goodbye." The album encapsulates the unique blend of award-winning and personal songwriting, multilayered harmonic vocalizations and world-class arrangements that have been electrifying audiences across the globe for decades.

In the fall of 2022, Gravitas Ventures released Chicago's documentary "The Last Band on Stage" directed by Peter Curtis Pardini and narrated by the band's longtime friend and actor Joe Mantegna. The documentary tells the incredible story of how the 56-year-old band survived a pandemic that stopped the world in its tracks.

"Chicago has faced many obstacles...but the pandemic was possibly their greatest challenge. I'm excited for people to see the story of how they got back to the stage to continue performing," said director Peter Curtis Pardini. "We're excited to be bringing The Last Band on Stage to audiences worldwide. This funny and informative documentary offers an inside look at how the legendary band Chicago were able to produce content even during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic," said Gravitas Ventures' Acquisition Coordinator, Mackenzie Maguire.

In 2020, Chicago received The Recording Academy's Lifetime Achievement Award from the Grammys<sup>®</sup>. The Lifetime Achievement Award celebrates performers who have made outstanding contributions of artistic significance to the field of recording.

In 2017, Robert Lamm and James Pankow were inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame. These legendary songwriters wrote mega-hits such as, "25 or 6 to 4," "Saturday In The Park," "Feelin' Stronger Every Day," "Make Me Smile," and many others. In 2016, Chicago was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Their first album, "Chicago Transit Authority," was inducted into the Grammy<sup>®</sup> Hall Of Fame in 2014.

From the signature sound of the Chicago horns, their iconic vocalists and a few dozen everclassic songs, their concerts are more like grand celebrations. <u>Chicago</u> continue to be true ambassadors for their beloved hometown, carrying the city's name with pride and dignity around the world.

Tickets for <u>Chicago</u> are on sale now for \$63, \$89 and \$129 depending on seat location. Limited VIP tickets are available for \$254, \$379 and \$479. All VIP experiences will happen before the show. For more information, please visit <u>TheHanoverTheatre.org</u> or contact the box office at **877.571.7469.** 

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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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