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Grafton locals to be featured in The Nutcracker at The Hanover Theatre in Worcester



Left to Right: Alyssa O'Harra, Emily Piel, Emily Pulsifer

Worcester, Mass (November 7, 2023) - This holiday season, ring in the festivities with The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts (THTC)'s production of the dazzling ballet <u>The Nutcracker</u>, sponsored by <u>Berkshire Bank</u>.

Tickets are on sale now!

Friday, November 24th, 2023, 2:00 pm Friday, November 24th, 2023, 7:00 pm Saturday, November 25th, 2023. 2:00 pm Saturday, November 25th, 2023, 7:00 pm Sunday, November 26th, 2023, 1:00 pm

Experience the captivating choreography and effects of the classic Tchaikovsky ballet, featuring stunning lighting and scenery by Broadway designers. With vibrant, unforgettable costumes and live music from The Hanover Theatre Nutcracker Orchestra, this two-act production is sure to enchant the whole family.

Grafton residents Alyssa O'Harra, Emily Piel and Emily Pulsifer will be featured in this year's production of *The Nutcracker*.

The tale follows young Clara as she receives a nutcracker doll for Christmas; she enters a magical world where the nutcracker and other characters come to life. This year Teddy Grillo, a former conservatory student, will reprise his role as the Nutcracker Prince for the second year in a row.

Tickets for <u>*The Nutcracker*</u> **are on sale now**! Depending on seat locations ticket prices range from \$39, \$49 and \$59. Discounts are available for subscribers. For more information, please contact the box office at 877.571.7469 or visit <u>TheHanoverTheatre.org</u>.

Groups of 10 or more: book your group early and save money!

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. This year, The Hanover Theatre celebrates its 15th anniversary with the opening of the Francis R Carroll Plaza. This new space will support free outdoor events throughout the year. 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.

Worcester Center for Performing Arts, a registered not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, owns and operates The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts (THT) and, on behalf of the Worcester Cultural Coalition (WCC), manages Worcester's BrickBox Theater at the Jean McDonough Arts Center (JMAC). All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.