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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Pop in to the Worcester PopUp for

“Illuminations in Casting”, a FREE Arts Industry Panel on Inclusive Casting



Humankind Casting, Kristie Raymond and company

Worcester, Mass. (November 27, 2023) -The Hanover Theatre’s Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Committee is proud to present [“Illuminations in Casting”](#) a FREE panel discussion and Q&A that delves into the pivotal role of casting and inclusivity in the entertainment industry. This enlightening event is happening shortly before the city’s tree lighting in downtown Worcester on Friday, December 1 at 5:00pm at the Jean McDonough Arts Center.

The esteemed panelists include filmmaker and Founder of [Cinefest Latino Boston](#), Sabrina Avilés; Executive Director of the [Mass Cultural Council](#), Michael J. Bobbitt, Founder of [Humankind Casting](#), Kristie Raymond; Artistic Director of [The Hanover Theatre Rep](#) and Managing Director of [Jean McDonough Arts Center](#), Livy Scanlon and President and CEO of [The Hanover Theatre](#), Troy Siebels. Their voices will shed light on the intricacies of casting and

address questions such as: What does a casting director do and what qualities are they looking for in auditions? Who ultimately makes the final decisions in casting? How does the representation of diverse voices and faces in the arts impact and enrich our communities?

Co-moderators Annie Kerins and Alka Nayyar will help lead this conversation with special guests from The Hanover Theatre's 16th annual production of [A Christmas Carol](#). Our hope is to create space for discussions centered around inclusion and representation in the arts. Coffee, tea and hot cocoa will be provided starting at 4:30pm.

All ages and experience levels welcome. Space is limited, [RSVP](#) for free today! For more information, please contact the box office at **877.571.7469** or visit TheHanoverTheatre.org.

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.

Worcester Center for Performing Arts is a registered not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, which owns and operates The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts 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.

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