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The Hanover Theatre Repertory Announces 2024 Worc at Play Auditions For Residents of Greater Worcester Ages 18+



Worcester, Mass. (December 4, 2023) - The Hanover Theatre Repertory announces auditions for its 2024 chapter of Worc at Play, a tuition-free classical actor training and performance program for residents of greater Worcester ages 18+, offered in partnership with The Hanover Theatre Conservatory.

This year's auditions are Friday, December 8th from 6pm-9pm. Applicants of all backgrounds and all skill levels are warmly encouraged to apply, including absolute beginners.

Ideal Worc at Play applicants are:

- Residents of greater Worcester
- 18 or older
- Diverse in age, ethnicity, socioeconomic class, gender, sexual orientation, immigrant status and lived experience
- Not affiliated with or a member of Actors' Equity Association
- Comfortable speaking and reading English as a first, second or subsequent language -- accents welcome
- Disciplined, rigorous and reliable
- Joyful
- Available for and eager to commit to a demanding schedule

Selected applicants form a small cohort that studies with Livy Scanlon, artistic director of THT Rep, for a month-long intensive training period. Students learn the fundamentals of acting classical texts like Shakespeare and, at the end of the training period, join the cast of a THT Rep production on-stage and understudy roles. This year, the productions are *Twelfth Night* by William Shakespeare playing in rotating rep (April 11 – May 3) with *Judith* by Katie Bender, directed by Brendon Fox.

Additionally, Worc at Play trainees receive:

- Full student benefits of The Hanover Theatre Conservatory
- Up to two private lessons with The Hanover Theatre Conservatory instructor of their choice
- Professional headshot
- \$500 stipend (returning students only)

Worc at Play is fully subsidized, meaning the program is available at absolutely no cost. Selected applicants receive professional, conservatory-style actor training and a professional performance opportunity, all tuition-free.

Due to the professional nature of the program, trainees are required to meet certain standards regarding attendance and preparation. Failure to meet expectations will result in dismissal from the program.

Learn more at <https://thehanovertheatre.org/tht-rep/tht-rep-auditions/>

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.

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.

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