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***Downtown Winter Festival continues on Francis R. Carroll Plaza and  
Outdoor Bank of America Stage with acclaimed circus variety artist,  
Peter Cannizzaro!***



**Worcester, Mass. (January 10, 2024)** [The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts](#) is excited to welcome [Peter Cannizzaro](#) for two dynamic family-friendly shows at the newly rededicated Francis R. Carroll Plaza on the outdoor [Bank of America Stage](#) **Saturday, February 3**. The public is invited to attend this free event at 3pm and 3:45pm (each performance is 30 minutes in length).

Peter Cannizzaro specializes in juggling, magic, and physical comedy for audiences of all ages. From the “Balloon Animal Shelter” to magic juggling apples to dad jokes, Peter’s solo variety show is the perfect family favorite!

The 3rd annual [Downtown Worcester Winter Festival](#) presented by the Downtown Worcester Business Improvement District begins **Saturday, February 3, 2024** starting at noon on the Worcester Common. The festival includes ice skating, ice sculptures, an "alpine slide", street performers, local mascots, arts and crafts, games and more!

### **About the Francis R. Carroll Plaza and the outdoor Bank of America Stage**

The newly reconstructed Francis R. Carroll Plaza is a public outdoor space located in front of The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts dedicated to celebrating art, culture and community. This space pays tribute to Worcester businessman and veteran Francis R. Carroll, who is celebrated locally and nationally for his exceptional contributions to charitable organizations and philanthropic efforts. The vision for the Carroll Plaza was made possible through the collaborative efforts of the City of Worcester, local community organizations and generous contributions from individuals and corporations committed to the city's growth and prosperity. With the addition of the outdoor stage generously sponsored by Bank of America and programming of the space by The Hanover Theatre, the Plaza promises a powerful commitment to the arts through free programming open to the public. Included in the Plaza will be the public art installation “Calliope” by Ross Miller, which was inspired by the historic Mighty Wurlitzer organ and features a light display. The reimagined Francis R. Carroll Plaza marks an exciting chapter in Worcester's history, an emblem of its determination to evolve as a thriving cultural destination.

### **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.

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