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From Broadway to Tinseltown, upcoming concerts and preshow performances feature Dr. Jonathan Kleefield on the Mighty Wurlitzer at The Hanover Theatre!

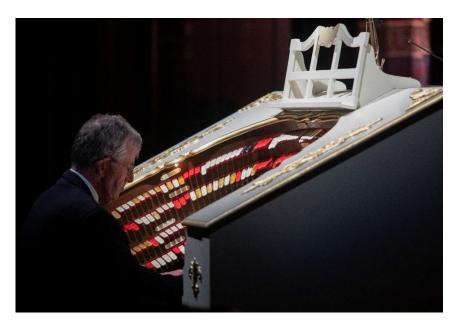


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Worcester, Mass. (February 5, 2024) - Iconic songs of Broadway and Hollywood are soon to fill <u>The Hanover Theatre</u> in upcoming concerts featuring <u>the Mighty Wurlitzer</u> played by resident organist Dr. Jonathan Kleefield.

<u>A Broadway Musical Review</u> showcases a range of toe-tapping pieces from Rodgers and Hart to lush songs from the **Golden Age of musical theatre** culminating in a special tribute to *West Side Story* composer, Leonard Berstein and the late great virtuoso Chita Rivera on **Thursday, March 7 at 12 PM**.

Following that trip through the sounds of Broadway, patrons can head to La-La-Land. \underline{A} <u>Hollywood Movie Review</u> provides a great excuse to reminisce about vintage Hollywood glamour in the perfect setting, the historic Hanover Theatre. This review highlights the music of

numerous **Oscar-winning** and Pulitzer Prize-winning composers including George Gershwin, Max Steiner, the beloved John Wiliams and more on **Thursday**, **April 11 at 12 PM**.

<u>Tickets</u> for <u>A Broadway Musical Review</u> and <u>A Hollywood Movie Review</u> are only \$10 for non-members. The Mighty Wurlitzer concerts are FREE for subscribers, current conservatory families, members and their guests. Seating is general admission. Run time is approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes. Contact the box office at **877.571.7469** for more information or visit <u>TheHanoverTheatre.org</u>.

Opportunities to hear the Mighty Wurlitzer Organ live include the following upcoming events:

A Broadway Musical Review with Dr. Jonathan Kleefield on Thursday, March 7 at 12 PM Music Worcester Presents Natalie McMaster and Donnell Leahy preshow performance featuring Dr. Jonathan Kleefield on Saturday, March 9 at 7:30 PM A Hollywood Movie Review with Dr. Jonathan Kleefield on Thursday, April 11 at 12 PM The General silent film accompanied by Clark Wilson on Sunday, April 28, 2024 at 2 PM

The Mighty Wurlitzer, assembled and gifted to the theatre by <u>Donald Phipps</u>, is recognized as one of the cultural jewels of Worcester. Phipps, Kleefield and the Mighty Wurlitzer were recently highlighted on <u>WCVB Channel 5 Boston "Chronicle."</u> As a board director of the Eastern Massachusetts Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society, Phipps followed in the footsteps of our theatre's founders, with his vision of restoring a treasured piece of our heritage.

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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