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The Youth Ballet Company at The Hanover Theatre Conservatory Presents FREE Fairy Tale Doubleheader on March 5!



Worcester, Mass. (February 29, 2024) Under the direction of Jennifer Agbay, The Hanover Conservatory's <u>Youth Ballet Company</u> will bring story book pages to the grand stage in a FREE performance on **March 5 at 6 PM**.

Come see the irresistible adaptation of the classics, <u>The Stories of Hansel and Gretel and Peter and the Wolf</u> with a fantastic cast of characters including many inspired by the famous Brothers Grimm. The narration and music for *Hansel and Gretel* is by Larry Thomas Bell while *Peter and the Wolf* features music by original composer and creator Sergei Prokofiev.

Performers include Morgan Soulé as Mother/Witch and Peter, Casey Reid as Father and Cat, Lexi Bancroft as Hansel and Lead Hunter, Veronica Maher as Gretel and Bird, Adrianna Cook as White Cat and Wolf, Katherine Totman as Snowbird and Duck, Noah Seider as Grandfather along with a fantastic ensemble featuring Elli Kradetskaya, Emily Pulsifer, Sarah O'Donnell, Kira Boitchenko, Penelope Dolan, Oliana Prado Gleckel, Jacqueline Murphy, Elena Perez, Lailah Seider, Anna Branco, Clementine Doyle-Bouvier, Zoe Lavigne and Sarah Newhall.

The creative team includes Director Jennifer Agbay, Producer Meghan Montaner, Choreographers Mark Harootian, Jennifer Agbay, Jamie Brown, Ana Luisa Thompson, Scenic Designer Christine Peters, Lighting Designer Matt Chrostowski, Ballet Mistress Ana Luisa Thompson, with Stage Management by Kim Pheymannicie, Props by Tiffany Poplawski, Audio Engineer Nick Joyce, along with Costumers Freda Bromberg, Beth Laperle and Perri Sylvester.

The show runtime is approximately 80 minutes.

<u>Reserve your FREE tickets today!</u> Seating is general admission. Please contact the box office at **877.571.7469** or visit TheHanoverTheatre.org for additional information.

About the Youth Ballet Company

The Hanover Conservatory's <u>Youth Ballet Company</u> is known for its commitment to artistic excellence and dedication to nurturing the next generation of dancers. Under the guidance of Director of Dance, Jennifer Agbay, the company aims to inspire and empower young dancers to reach their full potential while creating and fostering a supportive and collaborative environment.

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.

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