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The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory Seeks Local Teens for The WYSH (Worcester Youth Speak Honestly) Project 2024!



Worcester, Mass. (March 21, 2024) The Hanover Theatre Conservatory is actively recruiting Worcester-based teens for [The WYSH \(Worcester Youth Speak Honestly\) Project](#) 2024. Running April through July, The WYSH Project kicks off with a 3-day workshop over April vacation (**April 17-19**) and culminates in three public performances at the BrickBox Theater in the [Jean McDonough Arts Center \(JMAC\)](#) on **July 12-13, 2024!**

The program is free to participants and includes food at all rehearsals. [Sign up today!](#)

Now in its fourth year, this unique program specifically offers Worcester Public School students and WPS alumni a platform to speak honestly about their experiences, the struggles they face and their visions for creating a better future. “The WYSH project is for folks who want to work together with their peers to create an original piece of theatre that explores the topics that interest them as well as the challenges they face individually and as young people in Worcester in 2024,” according to Sharon Hart, director of the program.

Students can [sign up](#) to join The WYSH Project until **May 1, 2024**. Co-facilitated by Saharra Dixon and Hart, additional information about the program can be found on The Hanover Theatre’s website: <https://thehanovertheatre.org/conservatory/performance-opportunities/wysh-project/>

According to Meghan Montaner, president of The Hanover Theatre Conservatory & Education Department, “We know that the youth in Worcester have powerful stories to tell right now and we are eager to provide them with the space to do so. Theatre creates an incredible opportunity for us to share the diverse stories of our community. The collaborative nature of devised theatre allows each unique voice to be heard in a safe, supportive environment.”

This program is supported and funded in part by the [Mass Cultural Council](#), a state agency, the [Greater Worcester Community Foundation](#) and the [Worcester Arts Council](#), a local agency.

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 is a registered not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, which 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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