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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Supporters Exceed \$1.5 Million Matching Grant Challenge for The Hanover Theatre Repertory!



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**Worcester, Mass. (March 4, 2024)** Three cheers! [The Hanover Theatre Repertory \(THT Rep\)](#) has exceeded the \$1.5 Million McDonough Family Foundation matching grant challenge, raising \$1,583,823 over the course of 15 months.

The challenge was first announced in October 2022 ahead of a riveting performance of *Macbeth*, presented by THT Rep in the BrickBox Theater at the [Jean McDonough Arts Center \(JMAC\)](#).

The late Jean and Myles McDonough were active community leaders and steadfast supporters of the local arts scene. The venue at 20 Franklin St. was named the Jean McDonough Arts Center after Mrs. McDonough generously gifted \$2 million to the project.

“Our family is incredibly proud to have funded the Jean McDonough Arts Center, which serves as home to The BrickBox Theater,” the McDonough family said. “It’s only logical that we would now support THT Rep in its efforts to animate the BrickBox with professional plays.”

Ending December 31, 2023, THT Rep received \$451,101 in donations from 295 individuals with gifts ranging from \$3 to \$125,00. Additional local foundations provided tremendous support:

Hoche-Schofield Foundation

The Stoddard Charitable Trust

The George F. & Sybil H. Fuller Foundation

The Fletcher Foundation

Ruth H. & Warren A. Ellsworth Foundation

Mildred H. McEvoy Foundation

Jeanne Y. Curtis Foundation

The Schwartz Charitable Foundation

The Richard & Barbara Whitcomb Foundation

The Hanover Insurance Group Foundation

These donations ensure that THT Rep can continue to make professional theatre in Worcester and for Worcester, engaging and energizing audiences with dynamic theatrical events focused on classics, modern classics and classics-inspired works.

In response to the success of the campaign, THT Rep’s Artistic Director Livy Scanlon acknowledged donors with the following sentiment: “From the bottom of my heart, thank you for supporting this exciting endeavor. I hope you take pride in knowing your generosity will make downtown Worcester a more vital, creative place.”

[The Hanover Theatre Repertory](#) closes the 2023-2024 season with a rotation of [Twelfth Night](#), by William Shakespeare, and new play [Judith](#), by Katie Bender, running **April 11-May 5**.

**[Tickets are on sale now!](#)**

Don’t miss these exciting opportunities to celebrate at the [Jean McDonough Arts Center](#):

[Judith](#)

**Saturday, April 13th 2024, 2 pm**

Opening Matinee and Post Show Season Announcement

[Twelfth Night](#)

**Saturday April 13th 2024, 8 pm**

Opening Night and Preshow Roaring 20s Party

Equitable ticket pricing is available on a tiered scale ranging from \$12-\$200. Audience members are trusted to use the honor system, choosing their ticket price based on their ability to give back and help sustain the future of THT Rep. For tickets call The Hanover Theatre's box office at [877.571.7469](tel:877.571.7469) or visit [TheHanoverTheatre.org](http://TheHanoverTheatre.org).

**About The Hanover Theatre Repertory (THT Rep)**

The mission of THT Rep is to engage, entertain and energize audiences with dynamic theatrical events made in and for Worcester, with a focus on classics, modern classics and classic-inspired works. In short: vital cities have vital downtowns, and vital downtowns have great professional theatre. Learn more at [TheHanoverTheatre.org/THTRep](http://TheHanoverTheatre.org/THTRep).

**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.

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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