

## NEWS RELEASE

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The Hanover Theatre hosts Mental Healthcare Professionals and Company Members of Jagged Little Pill for a FREE Panel Discussion on April 6



(L to R) Julie Reiber, Teralin Jones and the Company of the North American Tour of JAGGED LITTLE PILL. Photo by Evan Zimmerman for MurphyMade, 2023

Worcester, Mass (April 1, 2024) The Hanover Theatre's Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Committee presents, <u>A Jagged Little Pill Panel Discussion</u>, important conversations with mental health care professionals and company members of <u>Jagged Little Pill</u>. This FREE event will take place on Saturday, April 6 at 5 PM.

In response to the show, this community check-in aims to create a safe space to discuss some of the difficult topics presented in <u>Jagged Little Pill</u> and their relevance in Worcester and surrounding communities. The panel will feature company members from the national touring production of <u>Jagged Little Pill</u> guided by local mental health care professionals, <u>Drexler Asassy Nicole Melissa Morin</u> and <u>Antonia Seligowski</u>. Sexual assault, opiate addiction,

transracial adoption, gender and LGBTQIA+ identity, marriage struggles, and mental health are among the sensitive topics found in <u>Jagged Little Pill</u>, playing on the mainstage April 5-7.

Local community service providers who will be present at the event include, <u>Open Sky</u>, the host of <u>Safe Homes</u>, <u>Pathways for Change</u>, and <u>YWCA</u>. Event attendees do not need to have seen <u>Jagged Little Pill</u> but should have interest in learning more about the topics previously mentioned and connecting with community service providers.

Please visit <u>www.jaggedlittlepill.com/resources</u> to learn more about the show's partner organizations, who have countless resources that speak to the many topics covered.

The discussion will take place in the McDonough Room at The Hanover Theatre located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Conservatory and Event Center. Light refreshments will be provided.

\*Recommended for folks ages 14 and up.

RSVP for this important event today.

## **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 houses function spaces, offices and The Hanover Theatre Conservatory.

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