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Christmas in July Returns to The Hanover Theatre on July 25!



Photo Caption L-R: Annie Kerins, Steve Gagliastro, Dr. Carlos Odria, and Jim Rice

Worcester, Mass. (July 9, 2024) [The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts](#) is thrilled to announce the return of the highly anticipated 3rd Annual [Christmas in July](#) extravaganza on **Thursday, July 25 from 5 – 7 PM.**

This free festive indoor/outdoor event will once again be hosted by The Hanover Theatre’s very own Mr. and Mrs. Fezziwig, Steve Gagliastro and Annie Kerins, known for their work in the theatre’s annual main stage production of Troy Siebels’ [A Christmas Carol](#).

The party begins outside on the Francis R. Carroll Plaza with live music provided by Peruvian-born guitarist, Dr. Carlos Odria. Dubbed a “guitar wizard” by Gamble Rogers Fest, Odria is known locally as an Assistant Professor of Music and Interdisciplinary Arts at the Visual and Performing Arts Department at Worcester State University. He was also a 2022 nominee for the Boston Music Awards’ Latin Artist of the Year. While enjoying Odria’s favorite festive music on the plaza, guests will be able to grab a treat, play some games such as the popular reindeer ring toss, and take photos with Mr. and Mrs. Claus in their summer gear.

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[Christmas in July](#) continues in the theatre's lobby with lush costumes on display from the [Nutcracker](#) and [A Christmas Carol](#), holiday themed cocktails, and more live music. The cabaret portion of the event will be accompanied by the amazing Jim Rice on piano joined by a diverse range of talent from The Hanover Theatre celebrating the "Most Wonderful Time of the Year" and proclaiming, "Joy to the World July Has Come!" Many of the singers were featured on last year's popular debut album, [Holidays at The Hanover Theatre Volume 1](#), which is on sale now! Youth performers including Amelia Kocou and Eva Ferreira return to the stage to remind everyone of the spirit of the season.

Along with the festivities, attendees will get exclusive presale access to shows such as the *Boston Pops*. Additional shows that will go on sale to the public on July 25 include: [A Christmas Carol](#), [Nutcracker](#), [Cookies and Tea with Clara](#), [Mannheim Steamroller Christmas](#), and [TINA: The Tina Turner Musical](#). Guests can also enter to win fun prizes or join the theatre's Christmas Club! The extravaganza culminates in a joyous sing-along.

The evening promises to be a heartwarming experience that will invoke the magic of Christmas... in July!

Join us at The Hanover Theatre on **Thursday, July 25** and immerse yourself in the holiday spirit. Please RSVP at TheHanoverTheatre.org or contact the box office at [877.571.7469](tel:877.571.7469) for more information.

About the Francis R. Carroll Plaza and the outdoor Bank of America Stage

The newly reconstructed Francis R. Carroll Plaza is a public outdoor space in front of The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts dedicated to celebrating art, culture, and community. This space pays tribute to Worcester business leader and veteran Francis R. Carroll, who is celebrated locally and nationally for his exceptional contributions to charitable organizations and philanthropic efforts. The vision for the Carroll Plaza was made possible through the collaborative efforts of the City of Worcester, local community organizations and generous contributions from individuals and corporations committed to the city's growth and prosperity. With the addition of the outdoor stage funded by Bank of America and programming of the space by THT, the Bank of America Stage on Carroll Plaza promises a powerful commitment to the arts through free programming open to the public. Visitors also enjoy the public art installation "Calliope" by Ross Miller, which was inspired by the historic Mighty Wurlitzer organ and features a light display. The reimaged Francis R. Carroll Plaza marks an exciting chapter in Worcester's history, an emblem of its determination to evolve as a thriving cultural destination.

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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