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***Ohmigod You Guys! Charlton 12-year-old,
Gwendolyn Kennan, to perform in Legally Blonde The Musical JR. at
The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts
August 10!***



Worcester, Mass. (July 30, 2024) Charlton pre-teen, Gwendolyn Kennan, will have Worcester thinking pink when she appears in [Legally Blonde The Musical JR.](#) during the Youth Pre-Teen Summer Program (YSP) at [The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts](#) **Saturday, August 10 at 2 PM and 6 PM.** The fun and upbeat musical follows the adventures of a sorority girl named Elle Woods – a Gemini with a double Capricorn moon – who tries to win her ex-boyfriend back by earning a Harvard law degree. Kennan will play Vivienne/“Serious” Couple in the production.

“*Legally Blonde The Musical JR.* may be a comedic, light-hearted show, but it also explores serious themes of self-discovery and independence which resonate with people of all ages,” says announced today by Freddie Gershon, CEO of Music Theatre International (MTI). “We hope everyone in Worcester is totally psyched to see the show.”

[Tickets are on sale now!](#)

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Delta Nu sorority president Elle Woods seems to have it all: good looks, a relationship with the “campus catch,” and great taste in clothes. However her life is turned upside-down when her boyfriend, Warner, dumps her in an attempt to start getting “serious” about his future and attend Harvard Law. Determined to win him back, Elle uses a lot of hard work and some charm to get into Harvard Law so she can prove to Warner that she’s serious enough for him. Once at school, she is challenged by her peers, professors and her ex, but with the help of some new friends, Elle realizes her potential and sets out to prove herself to the world.

In a recent interview, the Charlton pre-teen shared, “My favorite part of the show is when Elle Woods sings ‘So Much Better’. Sophia [Zarrinkoub] is going to slay that number!”

With a book by Heather Hach, music and lyrics by Laurence O’Keefe and Nell Benjamin, *Legally Blonde JR.* is based on the book by Amanda Brown and the hit Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer motion picture starring Reese Witherspoon, which was nominated for a Golden Globe Award for Best Motion Picture: Musical or Comedy. *Legally Blonde The Musical* opened at Broadway’s Palace Theatre in April 2007, starring Laura Bell Bundy as the iconic Elle Woods.

The Hanover Theatre Conservatory’s Youth Pre-Teen Summer Program will present *Legally Blonde The Musical JR.* **August 10** on the main stage at 2 Southbridge Street, Worcester, Mass. All tickets are \$18. Seating is general admission. For more information, visit TheHanoverTheatre.org or contact the box office at [877.571.7469](tel:877.571.7469).

Legally Blonde The Musical JR. is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019 Phone: 212.541.4684 Fax: 212.397.4684 www.MTIShows.com.

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 600 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 University, 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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