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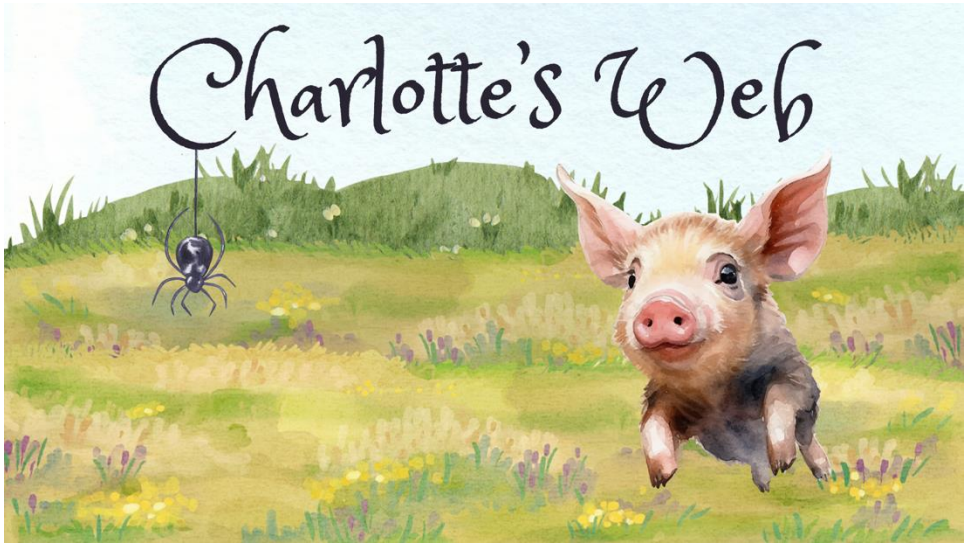
The Hanover Theatre's Youth Acting Company Presents Charlotte's Web on the Francis R. Carroll Plaza October 26-27!



Worcester, Mass. (October 11, 2024) The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts is excited to present the Youth Acting Company's run of *Charlotte's Web*! Perfect for all ages, these FREE performances will take place on the Francis R. Carroll Plaza in front of The Hanover Theatre **October 26-27**!
RSVP today!

October 26th 2024, 10 am
October 26th 2024, 4 pm
October 27th 2024, 4 pm

Charlotte's Web is based on E.B. White's loving story of the friendship between a pig named Wilbur and a spider named Charlotte. Wilbur has a problem: how to avoid winding up as pork chops! Charlotte creates a "miracle" to fool Farmer Zuckerman. Spinning the words in her web,

Charlotte weaves a solution which not only makes Wilbur a prize pig but also ensures his place on the farm forever. This treasured tale, named “the best American children’s book of the past two hundred years,” features madcap and endearing farm animals, explores bravery, selfless love and the true meaning of friendship.

The event is rain or shine. In the event of rain, attendees will be directed to an indoor location. Learn more about this production and other family-friendly performances at The Hanover Theatre on our website!

Plaza seating is limited, so we encourage you to bring your own chair! *Charlotte’s Web* runs for approximately 70 minutes and does not feature an intermission. Wear your Halloween costume and receive a special treat! Awards will be given for the best costumes.

About the Youth Acting Company

The Youth Acting Company is our resident performance company. The company is comprised of students between the ages of 14 and 19. Actors are selected for this company by invitation only. Students rehearse for three performances or presentations a year (fall, winter and spring). Students must attend two or more rehearsals per week while in session. Performances may take place on stage, in studio, at a blackbox venue or other area venues.

The Youth Acting Company was created to give young, capable actors performance opportunities throughout the year. In addition, The Youth Acting Company members are granted automatic acceptance into the Youth Summer Program at The Hanover Theatre.

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 reimagined 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.

The Hanover Theatre Conservatory (THTC) 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 The Hanover Theatre Repertory (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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