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Layon Gray's Black Angels Over Tuskegee Returns to The Hanover Theatre for a FREE Public Performance on February 26 at 7pm!

Worcester, Mass. (January 15, 2025) After a strong introduction last year, The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts is honored to announce the return of *Layon Gray's Black Angels Over Tuskegee* for a FREE public performance on the main stage **Wednesday, February 26 at 7 pm.**

RSVP Today!

Written and directed by Layon Gray, *Black Angels Over Tuskegee* is an incredibly energetic and emotionally gripping drama that documents the journey of six brave men who defied all odds to succeed. The play follows the struggles of the first African American aviators in the US Army Air Forces, also known as the Tuskegee Airmen, as they fought against injustices during the Jim Crow era. With determination, patriotism and brotherhood, they pushed towards their dreams of a fair and inclusive society.

According to Layon Gray, "This play is about the Tuskegee Airmen, but it's not. It's about anyone who wants to succeed, wants to prove yourself to others and to yourself, and works hard to do it. And it's about those friendships, that brotherhood, that love, that lasts—that's what they remember. That's what you remember."

Admission is FREE for the public performance of *Black Angels Over Tuskegee* on **February 26 at 7 pm.** RSVP's are encouraged. Please contact the box office at 877.571.7469 for more information or visit TheHanoverTheatre.org.

Student Matinees: For information on student matinees, contact Kim Pheymannicie, Student Matinee Coordinator, at kpheymannicie@thehanovertheatre.org or 508.471.1765**.**

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 Berklee College of Music, Boston Conservatory at Berklee, Boston University, Emerson College, Hartt School at the University of Hartford, Hofstra University, Marymount Manhattan College, Northwestern University, NYU Tisch School of the Arts, 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 and, on behalf of the Worcester Cultural Coalition, manages Worcester's BrickBox Theater at the Jean McDonough Arts Center. The organization also provides free public programming for the Francis R. Carroll Plaza and the outdoor Bank of America Stage, located directly in front of The Hanover Theatre. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

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