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Downtown Winter Festival Returns to the Francis R. Carroll Plaza and Outdoor Bank of America Stage with Acclaimed Circus Variety Artist Peter Cannizzaro on February 1!

Worcester, Mass. (January 16, 2025) The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts welcomes back Peter Cannizzaro on the Francis R. Carroll Plaza in front of the theatre for a FREE live performance on the Bank of America Stage to kick off Downtown Worcester BID's annual winter festival. This half hour long *Circus Variety Show by Peter Cannizzaro* will take place on **Saturday, February 1 at noon**.

RSVP today!

Peter is a variety artist who specializes in juggling, magic and physical comedy. Trained by master clown Aitor Basuari, Peter lives to create funny material. His skills include juggling, balancing feats, clown and dad jokes. Besides performing, Peter is an active youtube creator for the Support Clown channel, which features circus tutorials, performer advice, and street interviews.

This event is FREE to the public. RSVP's requested.

The 4th annual Downtown Worcester Winter Festival presented by the Downtown Worcester Business Improvement District begins Saturday, February 1 at 1 pm on the Worcester Common. The festival includes ice skating, ice sculptures, an "alpine slide", street performers, local mascots, arts and crafts, games and more!

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 located 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 businessman 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 generously sponsored by Bank of America and programming of the space by The Hanover Theatre, the Plaza promises a powerful commitment to the arts through free programming open to the public. Included in the Plaza will be 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.

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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