

Local talent to perform in fairy tale double header at Hanover Conservatory

WORCESTER—Under the direction of Jennifer Agbay, The Hanover Conservatory's Youth Ballet Company will bring story book pages to the grand stage in a free performance on March 6 at 6 p.m.

Generously sponsored by TJX, catch this entrancing adaptation of the classics, "The Stories of Hansel and Gretel" and "Peter and the Wolf" with a fantastic cast of characters including many inspired by the famous Brothers Grimm. The narration and music for Hansel and Gretel is by Larry Thomas Bell while "Peter and the Wolf" features music by original composer and creator Sergei Prokofiev.

RSVP today! Performers include Katherine Totman of

Charlton as Mother/Witch and Cat, Mikel Roth as Father and Wolf, Elle Angarita as Black Cat and Wolf, Adrianna Cook as Hansel and Peter, Casey Reid as Gretel and Bird, Elli Kradetska as White Cat and Hunter, Sarah O'Donnell of Charlton as Snowbird and Hunter, Emily Pulsifer as Snowbird and Hunter, Stella Seney of Killingly (last seen as Clara in "The Nutcracker") as White Duck and Duck, Sam Gagnon as Grandfather along with a wonderful ensemble featuring Penelope Dolan, Clementine Doyle-Bouvier, Aerla Kodra, Zoe Lavigne, Claire Reid-Eriksen, Claire Angarita, Kira Boitchenko of Sturbridge, Nina Browning of Dudley, Wyatt Jenkins,

Jacqueline Murphy of Auburn, Sarah Newhall, Oliana Prado Gleckel, Kathryn Rosenthal of Auburn, and Sophia Shliapa.

Based on choreography by Mark Harootian with adaptations by Jennifer Agbay, Jamie

Brown, and Ana Luisa Thompson, the creative team also includes Director Jennifer Agbay and Producer Meghan Montaner, Scenic Designer Christine Peters, Lighting Designer Matt Chrostowski, Ballet Mistress Ana Luisa

Thompson, with Stage Management by Kim Pheymannic, Audio Engineer Nick Joyce, along with Costumers Freda Bromberg, Beth Laperle and Perri Sylvester. The show run-time is approxi-

mately 80 minutes. Reserve your free tickets today! Seating is general admission. Please contact the box office at 877-571-7469 or visit TheHanoverTheatre.org for additional information.

Home Depot volunteers partner with SWCEC for hands-on workshop

DUDLEY — Lynn McKiernan and her fellow Auburn Home Depot Volunteers joined educators and students at the Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative (SWCEC) Dudley Campus for a hands-on workshop building flower picture frame decorations. This event brought together students from the Collaborative's Specialized Developmental Program, ranging in age from 9 to 21, who have a variety of specialized needs.

The event was made possible through the efforts of Carol Bernardone, a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant at SWCEC for nearly 30 years. The workshop marked a renewal of a long-standing partnership between SWCEC and Team Depot, the Home Depot's associate volunteer force, which had been a staple of the Collaborative's programming before the COVID-19 pandemic.

Team Depot, in collaboration with the Home Depot Foundation, supports communities and improves the lives of veterans through hands-on volunteer initiatives. In 2023 alone, more than 54,000 Home Depot associates completed more than 2,200 community projects across the country.

During the workshop, students in the Specialized Developmental Program received hands-on guidance from McKiernan and her team, along with their teachers and specialists. Also participating were students from the SWCEC GROW Middle/High School. The event built upon a similar workshop held on Oct. 18 for students at the GROW Elementary School in Southbridge, also organized by McKiernan and Bernardone.

The Home Depot Volunteer Team is greatly appreciated by the SWCEC community, and everyone looks forward to continuing these workshops in the future. These hands-on sessions provide invaluable opportunities for students to develop woodworking skills while engaging in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)-based activities.

Auburn Public Library is now fine-free!

AUBURN — Starting Feb. 11, the Auburn Public Library will no longer be charging late fees for the overwhelming majority of its items if they are returned overdue. As long as you return a book, DVD, music CD, etc. undamaged, there will be no overdue fee charged no matter how late the item is. Not only that, but we'll be waiving any old overdue fines that still remain on patron accounts. Have you been hesitating to use the library because of an ancient fine on your account? Feel free to swing by the library and we'll be happy to wipe the slate clean!

- What will no longer result in a fine?
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 - Returning a museum pass late
 - Returning a Library of Things item late
 - Returning a library item damaged or missing a piece
 - Losing/failing to ever return a library item
- Even though the Auburn Public Library is no longer charging fines, please do try to return items on time so that other patrons can enjoy them.

DWC's Pocketbook Bingo fundraiser returns March 23

WEBSTER — The Dudley Woman's Club most popular fundraiser is back! Pocketbook Bingo will be held Sunday, March 23 at the PACC, 37 Harris St. in Webster. Doors open at 1 p.m., with Bingo starting at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$35 per person for this fun afternoon of Bingo with the gals, plus the chance to win 10 designer handbags! Lots of laughs, giveaways and raffles.

The DWC's voluntary Giving Project for this event will be pet foods for the Webster-Dudley Food Share. Tickets online at www.dudleywomensclub.org/pocketbookbingo.

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5. Yankees' slugger Judge
10. Helps to preserve food
12. Plant disease
14. One who predicts
16. Equally
18. Burundian franc
19. Pouch
20. Arizona city
22. Surround
23. Hard, heavy timber
25. Witnessed
26. They ___
27. French river
28. A way to drink
30. Small constellation
31. Peruse a written work
33. Type of hound
35. Plant of the goosefoot family
37. Evade or escape
38. A way to confine
40. Volcanic crater
41. Weekday
42. Women's service organization (abbr.)
44. Local area network
45. Sensory receptor
48. Posted
50. Tibetan pastry
52. Licensed for Wall Street
53. Very willing
55. Golf score
56. Consume
57. Touchdown
58. Tends to remind
63. In a way, smoothed
65. Poke holes in the ground
66. Herbaceous plants
67. Taiwanese river

CLUES DOWN

1. Body art
2. Boxing's GOAT
3. Film for posterity (abbr.)
4. Prayer
5. Calculating machine
6. Keyboard key
7. Outburst
8. Man-eating giants
9. New Hampshire
10. Type of sword
11. Counting
13. Pants style
15. Political action committee
17. U.S. government legislative branch
18. Civil Rights Act component
21. Contractors take one
23. Spanish soldier
24. A person's brother or sister
27. Expressed pleasurer
29. Song of praise
32. Shock treatment
34. Patti Hearst's captors
35. Counteract
36. Goes over again
39. Popular Dodge truck
40. Male adult
43. A part of a river where the current is very fast
44. Rope used to lasso
46. Become less intense
47. Subway rodent
49. Lead alloy
51. Japanese honorific title
54. Advise someone
59. Famous NYC museum
60. Ocean
61. Cathode-ray tube
62. Cologne
64. It starts with these two

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