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The Youth Ballet Company at The Hanover Theatre Conservatory Presents FREE Fairy Tale Doubleheader on March 6!

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Worcester, Mass. (February 6, 2025) 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 PM**.

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 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 as Snowbird and Hunter, Emily Pulsifer as Snowbird and Hunter, Stella Seney 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, Nina Browning, Wyatt Jenkins, Jacqueline Murphy, Sarah Newhall, Oliana Prado Gleckel, Kathryn Rosenthal, and Sophia Shliapa.

Based on choreography by Mark Harootian with adaptions 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 Pheymannicie, Audio Engineer Nick Joyce, along with Costumers Freda Bromberg, Beth Laperle and Perri Sylvester.

The show runtime is approximately 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.

About the Youth Ballet Company

The Hanover Conservatory's Youth Ballet Company is known for its commitment to artistic excellence and dedication to nurturing the next generation of dancers. Under the guidance of Director of Dance, Jennifer Agbay, the company aims to inspire and empower young dancers to reach their full potential while creating and fostering a supportive and collaborative environment.

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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