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Leadership Changes at The Hanover Theatre Conservatory as Meghan Montaner Departs; Sharon Hart Appointed as Interim Leader

Worcester, Mass. (June 13, 2025) Worcester Center for Performing Arts, the nonprofit that owns and operates The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts, announced today the departure of Meghan Montaner, president of the conservatory and education division at The Hanover Theatre, after 18 years at the organization. Since joining in 2007, Montaner has been an integral part of The Hanover Theatre, serving in a variety of roles, including becoming the driving force behind the launch of the conservatory and The Hanover Theatre's well-regarded educational programs and youth-based initiatives. Sharon Hart, the current director of conservatory operations, has been appointed as interim head of the conservatory and education division while the company begins a national search for a leader of this important division.

"Meghan has made immeasurable contributions to our company and our community by her thoughtful and innovative work to build one of the preeminent conservatories for the performing arts in New England, and we are happy for Meghan as she continues her professional journey," said Alan Seiffert, president and CEO of The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory. "The conservatory excels at creating pathways from education to the professional stage through robust classes and educational offerings in the performing arts, and we are excited for Sharon and the team to drive the conservatory's further expansion. Sharon and the team's deep experience will ensure continuity through upcoming performances and programming."

"As an educator and lifelong learner, I am always seeking growth and new experiences," said Meghan Montaner. "The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory will always hold a special place in my heart, along with the incredible faculty, staff, and students who I have had the pleasure of working with. I am so proud of the impact we have made, together."

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. The organization also operates the Jean McDonough Arts Center and 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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