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The Hanover Theatre announces first chairwoman

WORCESTER, Mass. (December 12, 2017) The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts is pleased to welcome Dr. Marianne Felice as the first female chair of The Hanover Theatre board of directors. Felice has been a member of the theatre since it opened in 2008 and said she is grateful to the founders and donors whose vision has come true.

“I am so excited about where we are going in the future,” Felice said. “We are planning a great year to mark our anniversary in 2018, and the theatre has become an important part of the Central Massachusetts community. I love the fact that we have so many young people enrolled in conservatory classes. I love that the theatre partners with the school district to introduce teenagers to the theater world. I love that the Theatre District is a vital part of the renovation of downtown Worcester. And I love that we continue to have so many varied and exciting shows presented every season.”



Dr. Felice is Professor of Pediatrics and Obstetrics/Gynecology and the former Chair of Pediatrics at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. She has held leadership positions in many pediatric organizations and has received over 28 million dollars in funding from local, state, national and federal agencies for training programs, clinical research and service projects. With over 200 publications, Felice has been recognized for her work by many organizations and has received numerous awards locally and nationally.

About The Hanover Theatre

The Hanover Theatre continues to draw over 197,000 patrons annually with world-class performances and headlining acts including Broadway hits (“Les Misérables,” “Kinky Boots”), comedians (Dave Chappelle, Jay Leno, Jerry Seinfeld), musical acts (Neil Young, Aretha Franklin, John Legend, Tony Bennett) and everything in between (“A Christmas Carol,” Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre, Alton Brown, Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson). POLLSTAR consistently ranks The Hanover Theatre as one of the Top

Theatres in the World. After nine seasons, the award-winning, historic theatre continues to establish its place as a world-class performing arts venue, acting as a catalyst for the economic development of downtown Worcester. The Hanover Theatre's recently acquired 551 Main Street houses new function space, offices, rental space for a restaurant on the ground floor and The Hanover Theatre Conservatory for the Performing Arts on the lower level.

Worcester Center for Performing Arts, a registered not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, owns and operates The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

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