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The Hanover Theatre announces 10th Anniversary Broadway Series



Worcester, Mass. (March 20, 2018) The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts announces its highly anticipated 10th Anniversary Broadway Series. Get lost in the magic of adventure, award-winning hits and toe-tapping fun.

A spectacular journey in 2018-2019

Follow the yellow brick road to the beloved family favorite, *The Wizard of Oz*, November 8-11. Pass through the candy cane forest and a sea of swirly, twirly gum drops when *ELF The Musical* returns to Worcester November 29-December 2. Fly to the second star to the right with *Finding Neverland*, January 2-6. Visit a world of myths and legends January 31-February 3 in the Massachusetts premiere of *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical*, based on Rick Riordan's best-selling novel. *On Your Feet!* invites audiences to feel the rhythm of the music and conga March 27-31. *Tap Dogs* turns the dance world upside-down for an ultimate night out April 11-14. And *Waitress* closes the season with a "little slice of heaven" (*Entertainment Weekly*) May 22-26.

Please note that all shows are subject to change.

The Wizard of Oz

November 8-11, 2018

“... a family-friendly show with some dandy special effects.” – *The Miami Herald*

This beloved tale, in which a Kansas farm girl travels over the rainbow to discover the magical power of home, has been entertaining audiences for generations. *The Wizard of Oz* will have the entire family captivated as they travel down the yellow brick road for an unforgettable day at the theatre. The national tour is a new, refreshed and lavish rendition of the beloved classic, faithfully recreating the dialogue and structure of the MGM film nearly scene for scene. Audiences young and old, seeing it for the first time or the fifth, will be dazzled by the brightly colored sets, charmed by its timeless score and enthralled with its breathtaking special effects.

ELF The Musical

November 29-December 2, 2018

“A splashy, peppy, sugar-sprinkled holiday entertainment!” – *The New York Times*

Based on the beloved 2003 New Line Cinema hit, *Elf The Musical* is the hilarious tale of Buddy, a young orphan child who mistakenly crawls into Santa’s bag of gifts and is transported back to the North Pole. Unaware that he is actually human, Buddy’s enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth. With Santa’s permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father, discover his true identity and help New York remember the meaning of Christmas. This modern day Christmas classic is sure to make everyone embrace their inner *Elf*.

Finding Neverland

January 2-6, 2019

“It’s a must-see you’ll remember for years to come!” – *Vogue*

Directed by visionary Tony®-winner Diane Paulus and based on the critically-acclaimed Academy Award® winning film, *Finding Neverland* tells the incredible story behind one of the world’s most beloved characters: Peter Pan. Playwright J.M. Barrie struggles to find inspiration until he meets four young brothers and their beautiful widowed mother. Spellbound by the boys’ enchanting make-believe adventures, he sets out to write a play that will astound London theatergoers. With a little bit of pixie dust and a lot of faith, Barrie takes this monumental leap, leaving his old world behind for Neverland, where nothing is impossible and the wonder of childhood lasts forever.

The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical

January 31-February 3, 2019

“Worthy of the Gods!” – *Time Out NY*

A "winning adaptation" (The Hollywood Reporter) of the best-selling Disney-Hyperion novel by Rick Riordan, *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical* is "electrifying!" (Newsday). The Greek gods are real, and they're ruining Percy Jackson's life. As a son of Poseidon, Percy has newly discovered powers he can't control, has monsters on his trail and is on an epic quest to find Zeus's lightning bolt to prevent a war between the gods. Nominated for three Drama Desk Awards including Best Musical, *The Lightning Thief* is "mesmerizing" and proves "lightning can strike twice!" (*TheaterMania*). Don't miss this Massachusetts premiere!

On Your Feet!

March 27-31, 2019

“Packed with a seductive beat, tender heart and genuine joy!” – *Hollywood Reporter*

From their humble beginnings in Cuba, Emilio and Gloria Estefan came to America and broke through all barriers to become a crossover sensation at the very top of the pop music world. But just when they thought they had it all, they almost lost everything. *On Your Feet!* takes you behind the music and inside the real story of this record-making and groundbreaking couple who, in the face of adversity, found a way to end up on their feet. Directed by two-time Tony Award® winner Jerry Mitchell (“Kinky Boots”), with choreography by Olivier Award winner Sergio Trujillo (“Jersey Boys”) and an original book by Academy Award® winner Alexander Dinelaris (“Birdman”), *On Your Feet!* features some of the most iconic songs of the past quarter-century and one of the most inspiring stories in music history.

Tap Dogs

April 11-14, 2019

“Exciting, athletically feisty, fun loving, and often hilarious.” – *The Chicago Tribune*

Fifteen international awards. One global dance sensation. Experience the thrill of a revitalized genre of dance in 75 action-packed minutes of part theatre, part dance, part rock concert and part construction site. An adrenaline-pumped cast turns traditional tap dancing upside-down and into the ultimate night out. *Tap Dogs* is set to electrify the stage as they jump through scaffold, tap upside down, grind steel and tap on water.

Waitress

May 22-26, 2019

"*Waitress* is a little slice of heaven!" – *Entertainment Weekly*

Inspired by Adrienne Shelly's beloved film, *Waitress* tells the story of Jenna, a waitress and expert pie maker. Jenna dreams of a way out of her small town and loveless marriage. A baking contest in a nearby county and the town's new doctor may offer her a chance at a fresh start, while her fellow waitresses offer their own recipes for happiness. But Jenna must summon the strength and courage to rebuild her own life. Brought to life by a groundbreaking all-female creative team, this irresistible new hit features original music and lyrics by six-time Grammy® nominee Sara Bareilles. Don't miss this uplifting musical celebrating friendship, motherhood and the magic of a well-made pie.

New season, more options, better benefits

Broadway Series subscribers can now choose five, six or seven show packages for the best benefits and guaranteed seats. Personalized payment plans are available through the box office and can be deferred until June 2018. Depending on seat location, subscribers save up to \$105 on single tickets, and student subscribers save up to \$189!

All subscribers can purchase additional single tickets at discounted prices and receive free ticket exchanges to alternate performances of the same show, plus a complimentary Friend Level membership. New this year, seven show subscribers will receive the additional benefit of a complimentary upgrade to Patron Level membership for their support.

Current subscribers can make their stress-free renewal online starting Tuesday, March 20 or call the box office at 877.571.SHOW (7469) to renew. Those interested in subscribing can visit TheHanoverTheatre.org/Subscriptions for more information.

Join us to celebrate 10 years of Broadway

The Hanover Theatre will host its free 10th Anniversary Broadway Preview Party on Thursday, April 26 at 5:30 p.m. This event is open to the public and offers a peak behind the scenes at the 2018-2019 Broadway Series, plus fabulous prizes, information on subscriber benefits and complimentary tastings from the theatre's gourmet partners. Visit TheHanoverTheatre.org/PreviewParty to RSVP before April 20.

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," "Jersey Boys"), comedians (Dave Chappelle, Jay Leno, Daniel Tosh), musical acts (Neil Young,

Aretha Franklin, John Legend, Donny Osmond) and everything in between (“A Christmas Carol,” Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre, Alton Brown). 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 acquisition of 551 Main Street houses function spaces, offices, a soon-to-open restaurant and The Hanover Theatre Conservatory.

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