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The Hanover Theatre Announces *The Sound of Music* as Seventh Show of Broadway Subscription Series



Worcester, Mass. (April 29, 2016) The hills of Worcester are sure to come alive with this brand new production of *The Sound of Music*. This “sparkling, fresh and lively” Broadway musical, as described by the Los Angeles Times, is playing at The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts December 28, 2016 through January 1, 2017.

According to three-time Tony Award-winning director Jack O’Brien, “*The Sound of Music* has been in our ears for decades, as it deserves to be. But it might be time to look once more, and more closely, at this remarkable work which, I feel, begins to reveal itself as deeper, richer and more powerful than ever. It’s no longer ‘your mother’s’ familiar *Sound of Music*. We are tearing off the varnish of the past from one of the great glories of our theatergoing experience and making it fresh! This is an opportunity we’ve all longed to create.”

The spirited, romantic and beloved musical story of Maria and the von Trapp Family will once again thrill audiences with its Tony, Grammy and Academy Award winning Best Score, including “My Favorite Things,” “Do-Re-Mi,” “Climb Ev’ry Mountain,” “Edelweiss” and the title song.

The Sound of Music enjoyed extraordinary success as the first live television production of a musical in over 50 years when “*The Sound of Music Live!*” aired on NBC in December 2013 and was seen by over 44 million people. 2015 marked the 50th anniversary of the film version, which continues to be the most successful movie musical in history.

The Sound of Music is on sale as a part of The Hanover Theatre’s Broadway Subscription series. Tickets go on sale to the public on Tuesday, September 6. Subscriptions are available online at

TheHanoverTheatre.org, by phone at 877.571.SHOW (7469) or at The Hanover Theatre box office located at 2 Southbridge Street in downtown Worcester.

The Sound of Music features music by Richard Rodgers, lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, book by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse, suggested by The Trapp Family Singers by Maria Augusta Trapp. This new production is directed by Jack O'Brien (credits include: *Hairspray*, *The Full Monty*, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, *The Coast of Utopia*), choreographed by Danny Mefford (*Fun Home*, *The Bridges of Madison County* and *Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson*) and music supervision by Andy Einhorn (*Bullets Over Broadway*, *Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella*, *Brief Encounter*, *The Light in the Piazza*). The design and production team is comprised of Douglas W. Schmidt, set design (Tony Award nominee: *42nd Street*, *Into the Woods*); Jane Greenwood, costume design (2014 recipient of the Special Tony Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Theatre), Natasha Katz, lighting design (Five-time Tony Award® winner: *An American in Paris*, *Once*, *Aida*, *The Coast of Utopia*, *The Glass Menagerie*) and Ken Travis, sound design (*Aladdin*, *Newsies*, *Memphis*). Casting by Telsey + Company/Rachel Hoffman, CSA.

About The Hanover Theatre

The Hanover Theatre continues to draw over 180,000 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). Consistently ranked by POLLSTAR as one of the Top Theatres in the World, the theatre opened in March of 2008 following a \$32 million historic renovation. Over the last eight seasons, the theatre has established its place as a world-class performing arts venue, acting as a catalyst for the economic development of downtown Worcester. In the spring of 2015, the theatre finalized the purchase of a vacant, three-floor former office building with street-level retail space at 551 Main Street. The building houses office space for theatre administration, function areas, a restaurant on the ground floor and a performing arts conservatory on the lower level. The building opens June 2, 2016.

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