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### Broadway Hit Cirque Dreams Jungle Fantasy Heating Up The New Year at The Hanover Theatre in Worcester



**Worcester, Mass. (September 13, 2016)** The groundbreaking and critically acclaimed Broadway hit, *Cirque Dreams Jungle Fantasy*, is coming to The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts January 26 and 27, 2017 for two performances, each at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale to members only. Tickets go on sale to the public on Tuesday, September 20 at 10 a.m.

Created and directed by renown theatrical and circus impresario Neil Goldberg, *Cirque Dreams Jungle Fantasy* is an exotic encounter inspired by nature's unpredictable creations that are brought to life by an international cast of soaring aerialists, spine-bending contortionists, acrobats, jugglers and musicians. The astounding feats performed in this action-packed Cirque Dream are enhanced with spectacular costumes nominated for an American Theatre Wing Best Costume Design Award. The journey comes to life in a fantastical jungle setting filled with flowers, magical trees and a variety of special effects. From the Butterfly Ballet and Flipping Monkeys to Hopping Frogs and Stretching Lizards, this world-class explosion of imagination, athleticism and Broadway theatrics will exhilarate and entertain audiences of all ages.

Neil Goldberg's creation of *Cirque Dreams Jungle Fantasy* is hailed by the Chicago Tribune as "brilliantly conceived entertainment for multiple generations, fused with fresh, clever, Goldberg touches." The New York Post proclaims *Cirque Dreams Jungle Fantasy* to be "dazzling... a highly theatrical presentation replete with elaborate scenery and wall-to-wall music." For children whose passion is gymnastics or jungle fauna, the New York Times says, "waste no shekels on tickets for The Lion King... this is the show for you." The New York Daily News hails it as

“colorful, imaginative and expertly performed... a fantasy worth indulging.” USA Today raves, “Dazzling! A fantastical tale of an enchanted jungle” and the L.A. Times calls it “Jaw dropping! A whiz-bang family-friendly spectacle.”

Proclaimed “the grandest circus spectacle east of Vegas” by New York Magazine, *Cirque Dreams Jungle Fantasy* debuted at the Broadway Theatre in 2008 and is to date, the first and only show of its kind to ever perform on Broadway. The show furthered its critical acclaim in 2010 when pop princess icon Debbie Gibson performed the leading role of Mother Nature at the MGM Grand Theatre at Foxwoods in Connecticut. *Cirque Dreams Jungle Fantasy* received the 2011 Brass Ring Award for live entertainment excellence at Busch Gardens Tampa and recently returned from a United States Armed Forces world tour, entertaining over 100,000 troops and their families at 17 military installations throughout 10 countries. The show was recently redesigned into a modern dinner theatre experience in partnership with Norwegian Cruise Lines Breakaway, sailing year-round from New York City and voted Best Show at Sea by Porthole Magazine.

Tickets to *Cirque Dreams Jungle Fantasy* start at \$39. Discounts are available to members of The Hanover Theatre and groups of 10 or more. Tickets are available online at [TheHanoverTheatre.org](http://TheHanoverTheatre.org), by phone at 877.571.SHOW (7469) or at The Hanover Theatre box office located at 2 Southbridge Street in downtown Worcester.

### **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). POLLSTAR consistently ranks The Hanover Theatre as one of the Top Theatres in the World. After eight 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 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 for the Performing Arts. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

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