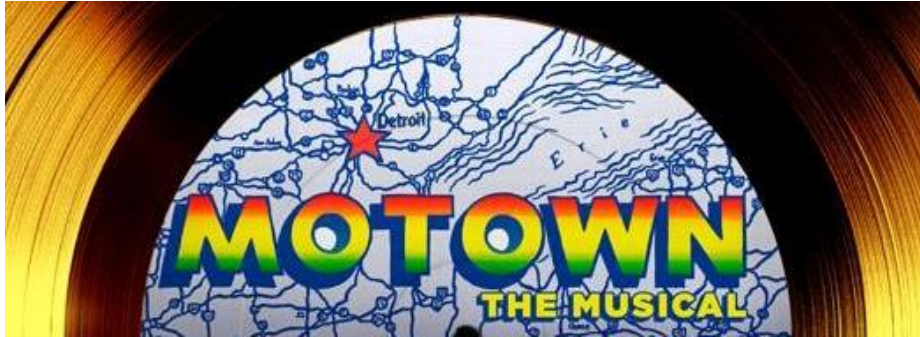


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Motown The Musical Tickets at The Hanover Theatre On Sale to Members Now



Worcester, Mass. (September 13, 2016) Producers Kevin McCollum, Doug Morris and Berry Gordy are proud to announce that *Motown the Musical* is playing at The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts May 23 through May 28, 2017. **Tickets are on sale to members now.** Tickets go on sale to the public on Tuesday, September 20 at 10 a.m.

Directed by Charles Randolph-Wright, *Motown the Musical* is the true, American dream story of Motown founder Berry Gordy's journey from the featherweight boxer to the heavyweight music mogul who launched the careers of Diana Ross, Michael Jackson, Stevie Wonder, Smokey Robinson, Marvin Gaye and so many more.

Featuring more than 40 classic hits such as "My Girl" and "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," *Motown the Musical* tells the story behind the hits as Diana, Smokey, Berry and the whole Motown family fight against the odds to create the soundtrack of change in America. Motown shattered barriers, shaped lives and made everyone move to the same beat.

Motown the Musical features choreography by Patricia Wilcox (*A Night with Janis Joplin*) and Warren Adams (*toy Story*), scenic design by David Korins (*Bring It On: The Musical*, "Project Runway"), lighting design by Tony Award winner Natasha Katz (*Once*, *Sister Act*), sound design by Tony Award nominee Peter Hylenski (*Rock of Ages*, *The Scottsboro Boys*), projections design by Daniel Brodie (*Jekyll and Hyde*), hair and wig design by Charles LaPointe (*Memphis*) and casting by Telsey + Company.

Motown the Musical's arrangements and orchestrations are by Grammy and Tony Award nominee Ethan Popp (Rock of Ages), who also serves as music supervisor in reproducing the classic "Sound of Young America," with co-orchestrations and additional arrangements by Tony Award nominee Bryan Crook ("Smash") and dance arrangements by Zane Mark (Dirty Rotten Scoundrels).

Motown the Musical is produced by Tony Award winning producer Kevin McCollum (Rent, In the Heights, Avenue Q), chairman and CEO of SONY Music Entertainment Doug Morris and Motown founder, Berry Gordy.

Tickets to *Motown the Musical* 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, 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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