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### Shrewsbury Native Mike Birbiglia of ‘Trainwreck’ and ‘Orange Is The New Black’ Comes to The Hanover Theatre for Thank God for Jokes Tour



**Worcester, Mass. (October 1, 2016)** The Hanover Theatre announces that Shrewsbury native Mike Birbiglia, with roles in *Trainwreck* and *Orange Is The New Black*, is coming to Worcester on his *Thank God for Jokes* tour. *Mike Birbiglia – Thank God for Jokes* is at The Hanover Theatre on Thursday, October 20 at 8 p.m. **Tickets are on sale now.**

*Mike Birbiglia* declares that a joke should never end with “I’m joking.” In his all-new comedy, Birbiglia tiptoes hilariously through the minefield that is modern-day joke-telling. Join Mike as he learns that the same jokes that elicit laughter have the power to produce tears, rage and a whole lot of getting yelled at. Ultimately it’s a show that asks, “How far should we go for the laugh?”

All tickets to *Mike Birbiglia – Thank God for Jokes* are \$35. 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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