

## News Release

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### Summer jazz tradition returns to Worcester



**WORCESTER, Mass. - (June 19, 2017)** The Hanover Theatre and WICN Radio, in collaboration with The Theatre District Alliance, will present *Jazz at Sunset*, featuring rising superstar Grace Kelly. Friday, July 21, the area behind The Hanover Theatre will be transformed into an outdoor, picnic-style concert venue for the 6:30 p.m. concert. Food trucks, cash bars and Theatre District Alliance exhibits promoting neighborhood businesses and organizations will also be present.

Jazz at Sunset re-ignites the popular, long-running series previously held at Worcester's Ecotarium. Organizers hope to present a six-date series in summer 2018. This first event in July will gauge community interest and support for bringing this highly successful series to downtown Worcester.

Admission to *Jazz at Sunset* is \$20 per person with a limited number of VIP stage-front tables (for four people) for \$120. Tickets are available online at [TheHanoverTheatre.org](http://TheHanoverTheatre.org), at The Hanover Theatre box office on Southbridge Street or at the event. Free parking will be available in the lot immediately behind the theatre, accessed from Federal Street.

Those not in the VIP area must bring own chairs. Outside food is allowed, but alcohol may not be brought in and must be purchased at the event. The event will go on rain or shine.

## **About Grace Kelly**

The Wellesley, Massachusetts born artist, 24, is a seven-time winner of the Downbeat critics poll (as a rising star in the alto sax category). She recorded her first album when she was 12 and received the first of her ASCAP Foundation awards at age 14. Kelly's appearances include the Boston Pops, Jazz at Lincoln Centre's Barack Obama inauguration celebration and The Late Show with Stephen Colbert. Among Kelly's critically acclaimed releases are collaborations with jazz legends Lee Konitz (GRACEfulLEE, 2008) and Phil Woods (The Man With the Hat, 2011). The disc with Konitz ended up in Downbeat's Best Albums of the 2000s issue.

A graduate from the Berklee College of Music in 2011, with a degree in professional music, Kelly has taught residency workshops there since 2012. That year also brought another important opportunity to pass on her musical knowledge: the U.S. State Department sent her on an international speakers tour to be an ambassador of jazz and educate the people of Madagascar and the Comoros Islands about music.

Maintaining a busy tour schedule, Kelly has drawn critical praise and new fans every year, headlining over 700 shows in 30 countries at all major jazz festivals.

## **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 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.

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