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### The Hanover Theatre celebrates Don Phipps



**WORCESTER, Mass. - (June 23, 2017)** The Hanover Theatre celebrates Don Phipps' 85<sup>th</sup> birthday with a special concert, Sunday, October 22 at 2 p.m., featuring the White Heat Swing Quartet and David Wickerham on The Mighty Wurlitzer Organ.

The Mighty Wurlitzer was originally donated to The Hanover Theatre by Phipps, a member of the American Organ Society. The largest instrument of its kind in New England, it has been featured in numerous silent films and in The Hanover Theatre's annual production of *A Christmas Carol*.

As a distinguishing feature of the theatre, The Mighty Wurlitzer Organ enhances the preservation of Worcester's rich history and the traditions of the era of luxurious vaudeville theatres. Because The Hanover Theatre wishes to ensure that The Mighty Wurlitzer is properly cared for and remains a fitting legacy to the work of Don Phipps and the organ team, the theatre established The Mighty Wurlitzer Fund to preserve, maintain and share this special gift with the community.

The *Don Phipps' 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday Concert* event is open and free to the public. All donations to this celebratory event will support The Mighty Wurlitzer Fund. 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 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.

Worcester Center for Performing Arts, a registered not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, owns and operates The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts and Conservatory. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

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