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***A Christmas Story, The Musical* opens its tour in Worcester**



WORCESTER, Mass. (September 5, 2017) From the songwriting team behind the Tony® Award-winning musical “Dear Evan Hansen” and the Academy Award-winning film “La La Land”, *A Christmas Story, The Musical* opens its national tour at The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts and runs Thursday, November 9 through Sunday, November 12. Tickets are now on sale for the Broadway show based on the classic 1983 film.

A Christmas Story, The Musical chronicles young and bespectacled Ralphie Parker as he schemes his way toward the holiday gift of his dreams, an official Red Ryder® Carbine-Action 200-Shot Range Model Air Rifle (“You’ll shoot your eye out kid!”). An infamous leg lamp, outrageous pink bunny pajamas, a maniacal department store Santa and a triple-dog-dare to lick a freezing flagpole are just a few of the distractions that stand between Ralphie and his Christmas wish. Chock-full of delightful songs and splashy production numbers, *A Christmas Story, The Musical*, has proudly taken its place as a perennial holiday classic for the whole family.

A Christmas Story, The Musical premiered on Broadway in 2012 and was hailed by *The Associated Press* as “a joyous Christmas miracle.” The *New York Times* wrote, “I was dazzled. You’d have to have a Grinch-sized heart not to feel a smile spreading across your face.”

The musical was nominated for three Tony® Awards including Best New Musical, Best Original Score and Best Book of a Musical.

A Christmas Story, The Musical features a festive and nostalgic holiday themed score by composer/lyricist team Benj Pasek and Justin Paul and a book by Joseph Robinette, based on the writings of radio humorist Jean Shepherd. The tour features direction by Matt Lenz, and choreography by Tony® Award winner Warren Carlyle, reset for the tour by Jason Sparks. *A Christmas Story, The Musical* features scenic design by Mike Carnahan, costume design by Lisa Zinni and lighting design by Charlie Morrison.

A Christmas Story, The Musical is produced by Big League Productions, Inc. led by President and Executive Producer Daniel Sher. Big League is celebrating its 27th season of producing, managing and booking Broadway musicals and special attractions for touring throughout North America and the world. For more information visit www.bigleague.org.

Tickets to *A Christmas Story, The Musical* start at \$40, with discounts available for theatre members and groups of 10 or more, and are also available as a part of the theatre's 2017-2018 Broadway Series subscription. 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 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 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 and Conservatory. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

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