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***The Freshman*, Laurel and Hardy films
coming to The Hanover Theatre**



WORCESTER, Mass. (September 5, 2017) The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts announces its fall 2017 and spring 2018 silent films to be accompanied by the Mighty Wurlitzer Organ, New England's largest theatre pipe organ. Venture back to the 1920s and enjoy Harold Lloyd's classic slapstick humor with *The Freshman*, Sunday, November 18 at 2 p.m. Coming May 6, 2018, don't miss the classic comedy duo, Laurel and Hardy, in a collection of silent short films.

Harold Lloyd's biggest hit was the silent comedy gem, *The Freshman*, featuring the everyman at his eager best as a new college student. Though he dreams of being a big man on campus, the freshman's plans inevitably go awry. But he gets a chance to prove his worth in one of the most famous sports sequences ever filmed. This crowd-pleaser is a gleeful showcase for Lloyd's slapstick brilliance and charm.

Laurel & Hardy were one of the most critically acclaimed comedy teams of early American cinema. Their films produced by Hal Roach during the 20s and 30s defined their legacy. Next spring, audiences can see them in a collection of short films including "Putting Pants on Phillip," "Leave 'Em Laughing," "The Finishing Touch," "Habeas Corpus" and "That's My Wife."

Tickets for *The Freshman* and *A Collection of Laurel and Hardy silent short films accompanied by the Mighty Wurlitzer Organ* are \$20. A \$5 discount is available for theatre members, children, students and groups of ten 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 197,000 patrons annually with world-class performances and headlining acts including Broadway hits (“Les Misérables,” “Kinky Boots”), comedians (Dave Chappelle, Jay Leno, Jerry Seinfeld), musical acts (Neil Young, Aretha Franklin, John Legend, Tony Bennett) and everything in between (“A Christmas Carol,” Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre, Alton Brown, Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson). 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 recently acquired 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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