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***RENT* 20th Anniversary Tour on sale at The Hanover Theatre**



WORCESTER, Mass. (October 17, 2017) – Tickets are now on sale for the *RENT* 20th Anniversary Tour at The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts, playing Thursday, April 5 through Sunday, April 8, 2018. *RENT* is generously sponsored by Baystate Savings, with media support from 96-1 WSRS.

In 1996, an original rock musical by a little-known composer opened on Broadway and forever changed the landscape of American theatre. Two decades later, Jonathan Larson's *RENT* continues to speak loudly and defiantly to audiences across generations and all over the world. A re-imagining of Puccini's "La Bohème," *RENT* follows an unforgettable year in the lives of seven artists struggling to follow their dreams without selling out. With its inspiring message of joy and hope in the face of fear, this timeless celebration of friendship and creativity reminds audiences to measure their lives with the only thing that truly matters, love.

The show received its world premiere off-Broadway at New York Theatre Workshop on February 13, 1996 to ecstatic reviews and transferred to Broadway on April 29, 1996. It went on to win the 1996 Tony® Award for Best Musical as well as the Pulitzer Prize for Drama and is one of only five musicals to win both awards. Basing his direction on Michael Greif's original production, Evan Ensign restages this 20th anniversary tour. Marlies Yearby (Tony® Nomination, *RENT*) serves as choreographer.

Tickets to *RENT* 20th Anniversary Tour 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. A discussion guide is also available online. Audio description will be available at the April 8, 1 p.m. performance, and ASL interpretation will be available at the April 8, 6:30 p.m. performance.

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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