

## News Release

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### Local Celebrities and The Hanover Theatre to Stage Variety Benefit Show for The One Fund Boston on May 24

Worcester, MA—May 6, 2013—Local celebrity mind reader [Eric Dittelman](#) will join with other Massachusetts finalists and contestants from “America’s Got Talent,” “The Voice” and other popular television talent competitions to present [WORCESTER CARES- BOSTON STRONG: A VARIETY SHOW FOR THE ONE FUND BOSTON](#) on May 24 at 8pm at [The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts](#) to help raise funds for the victims of the Boston Marathon tragedy.

Dittelman was a semi-finalist on Season 7 of “America’s Got Talent” and is from the Worcester area. He combines mind reading with stand-up and improv comedy and has appeared in “Entertainment Weekly,” “Rolling Stone” and even the “National Enquirer.” He most recently was seen on “The Ellen Degeneres Show.”

Alternative pop-rock singer-songwriter and Worcester native, [Sam James](#) from “The Voice,” also joins Dittelman. Sam James appeared on Seasons 2 and 3 of the hit NBC singing competition where he was selected to be part of Adam Levine’s team. He since has had the chance to share his music with a wider audience reaching #11 on the iTunes Rock Chart and has recently opened for Gavin DeGraw and Andy Grammer.

Boston's premiere a cappella group, [Five O’Clock Shadow](#) also joins the lineup. For more than 20 years, Five O’Clock Shadow has been impressing audiences in the US, Europe and Asia with their signature contemporary a cappella style. They have performed at Fenway Park, the NFL Hall of Fame, and with the Boston Pops; Aaron Neville and Patti LeBelle, just to name a few. VH1 labeled this group as “the best undiscovered vocal band,” and Instant Magazine wrote, “these guys take the ‘art form’ of a cappella music to a new jaw-dropping level...what ‘true’ alternative means.” Over the years, members have come and gone, but one thing remains the same...they continue to maintain a high level of musicality and innovation.

The show will be emceed by comedian Stephen Donovan of the “Jen & Steve Morning Show” on WXLO 104.5 FM. They will be joined by other acts and special guests yet to be announced, from Worcester and its surrounding areas.

The performers and The Hanover Theatre have donated their services and talents so that all proceeds from the event will go toward The One Fund Boston ([www.OneFundBoston.org](http://www.OneFundBoston.org)), which was established by Governor Deval Patrick and Boston Mayor Thomas Menino to raise money in order to help those families most affected by the tragic events that unfolded during the Boston Marathon.

Tickets to [WORCESTER CARES- BOSTON STRONG: A VARIETY SHOW FOR THE ONE FUND BOSTON](#) are \$30-\$40, and 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 for the Performing Arts, located in downtown Worcester, New England's second largest city, is recognized by Pollstar as one of the top 50 theatres in the world. After undergoing many name changes and renovations over the decades since its 1926 birth, The Hanover Theatre reopened in March 2008 following a \$32 million historic restoration. Since then, the theatre has established its place as a rich entertainment and cultural venue, winning numerous awards, including The National Trust for Historic Preservation Award in 2010. Now in its fifth season, The Hanover Theatre continues to expose over

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170,000 annual patrons to world-class entertainment in the form of Broadway, concerts, comedians and much more. For more information, visit [TheHanoverTheatre.org](http://TheHanoverTheatre.org). Worcester Center for the Performing Arts, a registered not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, owns and operates The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

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