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Whoopi Goldberg, Stage Entertainment and Troika Entertainment Present Sister Act The Musical Comedy that Will Rock the Rafters is Coming to The Hanover Theatre in Worcester January 2-5

Worcester, MA (August 15, 2013)—*SISTER ACT*, the family friendly, over the top spectacle with nuns that rock, opens at The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts in Worcester, January 2-5, as part of the 2013-2014 Broadway Series.

Produced by Whoopi Goldberg, Stage Entertainment and Troika Entertainment, *SISTER ACT* received five 2011 Tony® Award nominations: Best Musical, Best Original Score (Alan Menken (music)/ Glenn Slater (lyrics)), Best Book of a Musical (Cheri & Bill Steinkellner and Douglas Carter Beane), Best Actress in a Musical (Patina Miller) and Best Featured Actress in a Musical (Victoria Clark).

SISTER ACT features an original score with music by multi-Academy, Grammy and Golden Globe Award-winning composer Alan Menken ("Little Shop of Horrors," "Beauty and the Beast," "The Little Mermaid" and "Enchanted"), lyrics by Tony and Academy Award-nominee Glenn Slater ("The Little Mermaid"), and a book by multi-Emmy Award winners Cheri and Bill Steinkellner (*Cheers*) with additional book material by Tony and Olivier Award nominee Douglas Carter Beane (*Xanadu*, *The Little Dog Laughed*). Directed on Broadway by four-time Tony Award winner Jerry Zaks ("Guys and Dolls," "A Funny Thing...Forum," "Smokey Joe's Café"), the production features choreography by Tony and Olivier Award nominee Anthony Van Laast ("Mamma Mia," "Bombay Dreams") and is based on the Touchstone Pictures motion picture "Sister Act" written by Joseph Howard.

When disco diva Deloris Van Cartier witnesses a murder, she is put in protective custody in the one place cops are sure she won't be found - a convent! Disguised as a nun, she finds herself at odds with both the rigid lifestyle and an uptight Mother Superior. Using her fabulous disco-ness and killer voice to inspire the choir, Deloris breathes new life into the church, but in doing so blows her cover. Soon it's nun-on-the-run time but she finds salvation in the heavenly power of her newly found sisterhood. Based on the mega-hit feature film, *SISTER ACT* features an original Alan Menken/Glenn Slater score with a vast inspiration of musical styles from Motown, soul and funk to great big disco anthems and Barry White inspired musical comedy.

SISTER ACT features scenery by Klara Zieglerova, costumes by Lez Brotherston, lighting by Natasha Katz, and sound by John Shivers. The music department includes Musical Supervisor Michael Kosarin, Music Director Brent-Alan Huffman, and orchestrations by Doug Besterman.

What the Critics Have to Say:

Elisabeth Vincentelli of *The New York Post* calls *SISTER ACT*, "One of the season's happiest surprises! Off the charts and packed with goodies, to which we say: Amen!" Joe Dziemianowicz of *The New York Daily News*

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raves “A blessed event has landed on Broadway. *Sister Act* is a feel-good crowd pleaser worth celebrating. It keeps on purring from one happy moment to the next.” Charles Isherwood of *The New York Times* says, “When the wimples start quivering and the nuns start rocking to raise the Gothic rafters, all’s right in the kingdom of musical comedy!” and Mark Kennedy of *The Associated Press* calls *SISTER ACT*, “In a word, divine. This is a musical that hits all the right spots, achieving something close to Broadway grace. It will convert you.”

For more information, please visit sisteractthemusical.com

Tickets to *SISTER ACT* are \$42, \$52, \$62 and \$72*, with a 10% discount available for members of The Hanover Theatre, groups of 20 or more, corporate partners and WOO Card holders. A 15% discount is available for groups of 50 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. For more information on group sales, please contact Diane Pieciak at 508.930.2424.

Broadway Subscription Series

Tickets for *SISTER ACT* are also available as part of a six show Broadway Subscription Series Package, including *MEMPHIS THE MUSICAL*, *CIRQUE DREAMS HOLIDAZE*, *JERSEY BOYS*, *MAN OF LA MANCHA* and *GHOST THE MUSICAL*. Subscribe to guarantee the best seats available and save \$30-\$60 per subscription. You'll also receive a Basic Membership and a complimentary parking pass. New subscriptions for kids and students are 35% off. Call the box office at 877.571.SHOW (7469) to learn more about subscriptions.

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 sixth season, The Hanover Theatre continues to expose over 170,000 annual patrons to world-class entertainment in the form of Broadway, concerts, comedians and much more. For more information, visit 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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