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Singing Icon Tony Bennett to Perform at The Hanover Theatre in Worcester on November 9 Generously sponsored by UniBank

Worcester, MA (August 22, 2013)— Generously sponsored by UniBank, legendary singer TONY BENNETT will perform at The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts in Worcester, MA on Saturday, November 9 at 8pm. Tickets are currently on sale to members of The Hanover Theatre before going on sale to the public this Friday, August 23 at 10am.

James Paulhus, president and CEO of UniBank said, “As part of our ongoing commitment to the Central Massachusetts community, UniBank is pleased to support The Hanover Theatre in bringing Tony Bennett, a renowned, world-class performer to Worcester.”

Tony Bennett's career has enjoyed three distinct phases, each of them very successful. In the early '50s, he scored a series of major hits that made him one of the most popular recording artists of the time. In the early '60s, he mounted a comeback as more of an adult-album seller. And from the mid-'80s on, he achieved renewed popularity with generations of listeners who hadn't been born when he first appeared. He himself probably would say that, in each phase of his career, he has remained largely constant to his goals of singing the best available songs the best way he knows how. Popular taste may have caused his level of recognition to increase or decrease, but he continued to sing popular standards in a warm, husky tenor, varying his timing and phrasing with a jazz fan's sense of spontaneity to bring out the melodies and lyrics of the songs effectively. By the start of the 21st century, Bennett seemed like the last of a breed, but he remained as popular as ever.

Bennett became a Grammy perennial, also taking home Best Traditional Pop Vocal Performance awards for *Here's to the Ladies* (1995) and *On Holiday: A Tribute to Billie Holiday* (1997). *Bennett Sings Ellington: Hot & Cool* (1999) was another Grammy winner in the retitled Best Traditional Pop Album category, as was *Playin' with My Friends: Bennett Sings the Blues*, an album of duets released in 2001. One year later, Bennett paired off with a single duet partner, recording *A Wonderful World* with k.d. lang. *The Art of Romance* followed in 2004. Both albums won the Best Traditional Pop Album Grammy for their respective years. In August 2006, Bennett reached his 80th birthday, and his record label marked the occasion with a series of reissues and compilations. The next month brought *Duets: An American Classic*, another collection of pairings with other singers on re-recordings of some of Bennett's best-known songs that reached number three in the Billboard chart, the highest placing for an album in Bennett's career. A second installment of *Duets* was released in 2011, and the Latin version (*Viva Duets*) followed in time for Christmas 2012.

Tickets to TONY BENNETT are \$64.50, \$74.50, \$104.50 and \$134.50*, with a 10% discount available for members during member presale ONLY. 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.

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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.

*Ticket prices are subject to change without notice.

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