

## News Release

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### Generously sponsored by WinnDevelopment, The First U.S. National Tour of Ghost the Musical to Debut at The Hanover Theatre June 5-8

**Worcester, MA (September 19, 2013)**— Generously sponsored by WinnDevelopment, the supernatural power of love is taking Worcester by storm in GHOST THE MUSICAL. The new Broadway and West End musical adapted from the Academy Award-winning film will debut at The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts June 5-8. Tickets are on sale to the general public tomorrow, September 20 at 10am.

GHOST THE MUSICAL is directed by Tony Award-winner Matthew Warchus (*Matilda, God of Carnage, The Norman Conquests, Boeing-Boeing*) and choreographed by Ashley Wallen ("The X Factor", Kylie Minogue, Seal, Madonna's film *WE*). The musical features book and lyrics by Bruce Joel Rubin (*Ghost, Jacob's Ladder, The Time Traveler's Wife*) who has adapted his Academy Award-winning original screenplay for the stage, and original music and lyrics by a team of Grammy Award-winners, including Dave Stewart (half of the multi-Grammy Award-winning Eurythmics) and Glen Ballard (Michael Jackson's *Man In The Mirror*, Alanis Morissette's *Jagged Little Pill*). The score also includes the iconic song "Unchained Melody," written by Hy Zaret and Alex North (Courtesy of Frank Music Corp. ASCAP) and famously performed in the film by The Righteous Brothers.

Set in modern day New York City, GHOST THE MUSICAL is a timeless fantasy about the power of love. Walking back to their apartment one night after a romantic dinner, Sam and Molly are mugged, leaving Sam dead on a dark street. Sam is trapped as a ghost between this world and the next and unable to leave Molly, who he learns is in grave danger. With the help of a phony storefront psychic, Sam tries to communicate with Molly in the hopes of saving and protecting her.

GHOST THE MUSICAL has been enjoyed by over 1 million people worldwide and has been nominated for numerous awards including five Olivier Awards and three Tony Awards. The Associated Press calls GHOST THE MUSICAL "Eye-poppingly brilliant" while *Variety* assures the audience will experience "A limitless array of dazzling effects." *Newsday* promises that GHOST THE MUSICAL is "Unlike anything seen on stage before" and the *Daily Telegraph* says that GHOST THE MUSICAL "Will keep you gasping!"

GHOST THE MUSICAL is produced by Troika Entertainment and Michael Coppel in association with Hilary Williams, Margot Astrachan Production/Dennis Grimaldi Productions/Paul Lucas Productions/Robert Sher and Paramount Pictures. Casting for the U.S. National Tour of GHOST THE MUSICAL provided by Joy Dewing CSA, Joy Dewing Casting.

Original Broadway production produced by Colin Ingram, Hello Entertainment/David Garfinkle, Donovan Mannato, MJE Productions, Patricia Lambrecht and Adam Silberman in association with Paramount Pictures.

Nominated for an Academy Award for Best Film in 1990, "Ghost" became a blockbuster hit and an instant

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classic, winning numerous awards worldwide. The film starred Patrick Swayze, Demi Moore, Tony Goldwyn and Whoopi Goldberg and was directed by Jerry Zucker. Bruce Joel Rubin's script won an Academy Award for Best Original Screenplay and Whoopi Goldberg won the Academy Award for Best Actress in a Supporting Role for her portrayal of psychic Oda Mae Brown.

Full price tickets to GHOST THE MUSICAL 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. 15% discount available for groups of 50 or more. Tickets 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.

GHOST THE MUSICAL is also available as part of a six subscription package in The Hanover Theatre's 2013-2014 Broadway Series, which includes "Memphis The Musical," "Cirque Dreams Holiday," "Sister Act," "Jersey Boys," and "Man of La Mancha." Subscribe to guarantee the best seats available and save \$30-\$60 per subscription.

### **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](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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