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Rodgers + Hammerstein's *Cinderella* Coming To The Hanover Theatre This October



Worcester, Mass. (April 29, 2016) *Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella*, the 2013 Tony Award-winning Broadway musical from the creators of *South Pacific* and *The Sound of Music*, is playing at The Hanover Theatre from Thursday, October 13 through Sunday, October 16, 2016.

With its fresh new take on the beloved tale of a young woman who transforms from a chambermaid into a princess, this hilarious and romantic *Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella* combines the story's classic elements—glass slippers, pumpkin and a beautiful ball along with some surprising twists. More than just a pretty face with the right shoe size, this *Cinderella* is a contemporary figure living in a fairytale setting. She is a spirited young woman with savvy and soul who doesn't let her rags or her gowns trip her up in her quest for kindness, compassion and forgiveness. She longs to escape the drudgery of her work at home and instead work to make the world a better place. She not only fights for her own dreams, but forces the prince to open his eyes to the world around him and realize his dreams too.

Cinderella has music by Richard Rodgers, lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, a new book by Douglas Carter Beane and original book by Oscar Hammerstein II. The musical features direction by Mark Brokaw and choreography by Josh Rhodes. Music adaptation, supervision and arrangements are by David Chase and orchestrations are by Danny Troob.

One of Rodgers + Hammerstein's most popular titles, *Cinderella* was written for television—debuting in 1957 starring Julie Andrews. In 2013, the show made its long-overdue Broadway debut. Along with *Cinderella*, Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein's legendary musicals include *OKLAHOMA!*, *Carousel*, *The King and I*, *South Pacific* and *The Sound of Music*.

Mr. Beane's book for *Cinderella* blends masterfully with the musical's cherished score with songs including "In My Own Little Corner," "Impossible/It's Possible," "Ten Minutes Ago" and "Do I Love You Because You're Beautiful?"

The creative team includes scenic design by Tony Award nominee Anna Louizos, costume design by six-time Tony Award-winner William Ivey Long, lighting design by Tony Award-winner Kenneth Posner and sound design by Tony Award nominee Nevin Steinberg.

Rodgers + Hammerstein's *Cinderella* is on sale as a part of The Hanover Theatre's Broadway Subscription series. Tickets go on sale to the public on Tuesday, June 14. Subscriptions 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.

The Hanover Theatre is hosting an exclusive Cinderella Soiree before each performance in the theatre's new function space as a new benefit for subscribers.

About The Hanover Theatre

The Hanover Theatre continues to draw over 180,000 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). Consistently ranked by POLLSTAR as one of the Top Theatres in the World, the theatre opened in March of 2008 following a \$32 million historic renovation. Over the last eight seasons, the theatre has established its place as a world-class performing arts venue, acting as a catalyst for the economic development of downtown Worcester. In the spring of 2015, the theatre finalized the purchase of a vacant, three-floor former office building with street-level retail space at 551 Main Street. The building houses office space for theatre administration, function areas, a restaurant on the ground floor and a performing arts conservatory on the lower level. The building opens June 2, 2016.

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