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## THEATRE GROUP

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### **Berkshire Theatre Group presents *Encore! An Evening to Celebrate High School Musicals***

**Pittsfield, MA**— Berkshire Theatre Group presents *Encore! An Evening to Celebrate High School Musicals* at the Colonial Theatre on Friday, May 2 at 7pm directed by Travis G. Daly. This special performance features ten-minute encore performances from this year's Berkshire County high school musicals.

Tickets to *Encore!* are on sale Friday, April 11 at 10am for \$15 Adults, \$10 Students. Contact the Colonial Ticket Office at 111 South Street, Pittsfield by calling 413-997-4444. Tickets can also be bought online at [www.berkshiretheatregroup.org](http://www.berkshiretheatregroup.org). The Ticket Office is open Monday-Friday 10am-5pm, Saturdays 10am-2pm or on any performance day from 10am until curtain.

Join over 200 students as they perform musical numbers from: Lenox Memorial High School: *Pippin* directed by Ralph Petillo, Miss Hall's: *Oliver!* directed by Jennifer Jordan, Monument Mountain Regional High School: *Into the Woods* directed by Linnea Mace, Mt. Everett Regional High School: *Grease* directed by Kathy Jo Grover, Mt. Greylock Regional High School: *Guys and Dolls* directed by Jeffrey Welch, Pittsfield High School: *Cats* directed by Justina Trova and, Wahconah Regional High School: *Dames at Sea* directed by Thomas Towne and Pamela Gold.

The co-creators of this event are Monument Mountain seniors Isabelle Costa and Caroline Mack. They have been participating in an internship with BTG during the school year. "We created this event to celebrate our high schools and all of the hard work they put into their shows. We want to strengthen and support our community with this event that we hope will be an annual celebration."

Ticket proceeds benefit BTG PLAYS!, Berkshire Theatre Group's Year-Round Education Program. At the heart of BTG PLAYS! is a passionate commitment to bring live theatre and all its inherent excitement and creativity to children throughout our region. In addition, for many of these students, this is the first theatrical experience on a professional stage. BTG hopes this experience will stimulate a life-long love of theatre and help produce the next generation of playgoers, actors or other theatre professionals.

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### **About Berkshire Theatre Group**

The Colonial Theatre, founded in 1903, and Berkshire Theatre Festival, founded in 1928, are two of the oldest cultural organizations in the Berkshires. Having united in November of 2010 under the leadership of Artistic Director and CEO Kate Maguire, these two institutions are providing the Berkshires and beyond with the finest in live theatre, music, dance and the visual arts on five stages in Stockbridge, MA and Pittsfield, MA. The Fitzpatrick Main Stage (400 seats), cataloged by the National Register of Historic Places, was originally designed and built by Stanford White as the Stockbridge Casino in 1888. The intimate Unicorn Theatre (122 seats) is a home for emerging artists and new theatrical ideas. The Colonial in Pittsfield (780 seats) re-opened in August of 2006, following a \$21 million restoration, and boasts pristine acoustics, classic gilded age architecture and state-of-the-art technical systems. BTG also performs at the outdoor Neil Ellenoff stage, located on the grounds of BTF in Stockbridge, and at The Garage, a music venue located in the lobby of The Colonial. BTG serves over 100,000 patrons per year and reaches over 17,000 students through its educational and outreach programs. For more information on BTG call (413) 448-8084. To purchase tickets, call (413) 997-4444 or go online to [www.BerkshireTheatreGroup.org](http://www.BerkshireTheatreGroup.org).