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Berkshire Theatre Group Announces Auditions for 10th Annual Children's Theatre Production

Pittsfield, MA – Berkshire Theatre Group and Artistic Director/CEO, Kate Maguire, are excited to announce auditions for its 10th Annual Children's Theatre Production, the show is to be announced at a later date.

This year marks the exciting 10th anniversary of Berkshire Theatre Group's Annual Children's Theatre Production. For the past 10 years, BTG's community production has brought together children and adults who have learned from each other all in the midst of collaboration and creativity. "Because of the amazing relationships I have made at BTG, I now have mentors that have helped me grow creatively and as an actor," said Alex Roman, a sophomore at Pittsfield High School, who was one of the many talented chorus members in last year's community production *Seussical*.

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, this is the first theatrical experience on a professional stage that many of these children will have the opportunity to participate in. We hope this experience will stimulate a life-long love of theatre and help produce the next generation of theatregoers, if not actors or other theatre professionals.

Last year's 9th Annual Children's Theatre Production *Seussical* was a heart-warming and widely successful production, featuring over 100 talented children and adults from the community. This production marked the second time actors have been flown in The Colonial Theatre during a live performance, the first being two years ago in *Peter Pan*.

Berkshire Theatre Group's 10th Annual Children's Theatre Production will be directed by Travis G. Daly, with music direction by Mark Gionfriddo.

Audition Information

Berkshire Theatre Group seeks child and adult actors, musicians, backstage crew, technical support, usher staff and parent volunteers to participate in its upcoming community production. The roles and positions are open to members of the Berkshire community, third grade through adults.

Rehearsals will begin June in Pittsfield, MA.

Auditions times:

Friday, January 30: 6:00 PM-10:00 PM

Saturday, January 31: 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

All auditions will take place at:

The Colonial Theatre
111 South Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Student auditions will be held during the first three hours of each session and the last hour will be for adults. Adults should be prepared to sing only 16 bars of a song and bring the accompanying sheet music that is in the key in which they prefer to sing. Students should be ready to learn songs from *Mary Poppins*. Callbacks will take place as needed.

Appointments are necessary to audition.

To schedule an audition time slot or for further information, please call 413-448-8084 x23.

For more information about Berkshire Theatre Group and our upcoming season, please visit our website at www.BerkshireTheatreGroup.org

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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 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 at The Garage, a music venue located in the lobby of The Colonial. BTG serves over 100,000 patrons per year and reaches over 13,000 students through its educational and outreach programs. For more information on BTF call (413) 298-5536 and on The Colonial call (413) 448-8084. To purchase tickets, call (413) 997-4444 or (413) 298-5576 or go online to www.BerkshireTheatreGroup.org.