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**NPR Comedian Paula Poundstone and The Cake Boss Buddy Valastro
Added to Berkshire Theatre Group's Fall Lineup**

Pittsfield, MA— Berkshire Theatre Group is pleased announce NPR comedian Paula Poundstone and The Cake Boss, Buddy Valastro added to Berkshire Theatre Group's fall lineup. Tickets will go on sale at 10am on Monday, April 27.

Paula Poundstone will be at The Colonial Theatre on Saturday, September 26 at 8pm. The Cake Boss, Buddy Valastro, brings *The Bakin' with the Boss Tour* to The Colonial Theatre on Sunday, October 18 at 2pm and 5pm.

Tickets to Paula Poundstone are \$55, \$45 and \$25. Tickets to *The Bakin' with the Boss Tour* are \$80, \$65 and \$35. Tickets will go on sale at 10am on Monday, April 27. Contact the Colonial Ticket Office at 111 South Street, Pittsfield by calling 413-997-4444, or online at www.berkshiretheatregroup.org. Ticket Offices are open Monday-Friday 10am-5pm, Saturdays 10am-2pm or on any performance day from 10am until curtain.

An Evening with Paula Poundstone

at The Colonial Theatre

Saturday, September 26 at 8pm

Tickets: A: \$55 B: \$45 C: \$25

In the early '80s, Paula Poundstone packed up her belongings, hopped on a Greyhound bus, and traveled across the country performing at open mic comedy clubs. Poundstone went on to become one of the great humorists of our time. You can hear her through your laughter as a regular panelist on NPR's popular weekly news quiz show, *Wait Wait...Don't Tell Me*. She tours regularly, performing standup comedy across the country.

In the early '90s Poundstone was the first woman to win the cable ACE for Best Standup Comedy Special and the first woman to be invited to perform standup at the prestigious White House Correspondents dinner, where she joined the current President as part of the evening's entertainment. Poundstone starred in a self-titled series for *HBO* in '93 (for which she won her second Cable ACE Award for Best Program Interviewer), and moved the show to *ABC* which was short-lived, but applauded for its break from convention. Poundstone had her own comedy specials on *HBO* and *Bravo*. In fact, she starred in several comedy specials on *HBO*, including *Paula Poundstone Goes to Harvard*, the only time the elite university has allowed their name to be used in the title of a television show. Poundstone is recognized as one of *Comedy Central's* 100 greatest stand-ups of all time. Poundstone won an American Comedy Award for Best Female Standup Comic, and in 2010 she was one of a select group voted into the Comedy Hall of Fame.

**An Evening with Buddy Valastro: The Cake Boss
The Bakin' with the Boss Tour**

at The Colonial Theatre

Sunday, October 18 at 2pm and 5pm

Tickets: A: \$80 B: \$65 C: \$35

Join celebrity baker Buddy Valastro for an evening of cakes, stories, and fun. In this rare live, interactive event, *TLC's* *Cake Boss* will share the stories behind his hit series and his colorful Italian family, answer audience questions, and give a live demonstration of the techniques that have made him one of the most successful and renowned cake artists in the nation.

Since it first aired on April 19, 2009, *Cake Boss* continues to be a centerpiece show of the *TLC* network. Viewers continue to celebrate the mouthwatering desserts and not-to-be-missed Valastro family moments occurring in bustling Hoboken, NJ, home of Carlo's Bakery. In December 2010, *TLC* premiered the spin-off series, *Cake Boss: Next Great Baker*, where Buddy challenged bakers from around the country to compete for a chance to work alongside the Valastro family at Carlo's. In December 2013, *TLC* launched *Bakery Boss*, a series following Buddy Valastro across the country helping other family-run bakeries that are struggling to find their own sweet success with his famous blend of business skills and baking expertise.

Expanding outside of Hoboken for the first time, in 2013 Buddy and the famiglia opened three new bakeries in New Jersey: Carlo's Bakery Ridgewood, Carlo's Bakery Westfield and Carlo's Bakery Red Bank. A year later, Buddy opened Carlo's Bakery Morristown in New Jersey and Carlo's Bakery Las Vegas, the company's first West Coast location. In October of 2013, Buddy brought his family's classic Italian recipes to the table, opening his first restaurant, Buddy V's, in the Venetian Las Vegas. Old favorites and new recipes are on the menu as well as desserts you know and love from Carlo's Bakery.

Buddy has a big personality, and an even bigger heart! *The Bakin' with the Boss Tour* is sure to be filled with laughter, delight and sweet treats. Bring the whole family for a night with the Cake Boss.

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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 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 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.