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**Broadway, Film and Television Actor Darren Pettie Joins Cast of
*Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune***

**Beloved BTG Alum Ariana Venturi Joins Cast of
*I Saw My Neighbor On the Train and I Didn't Even Smile***

Pittsfield, MA – Berkshire Theatre Group is excited to announce that Broadway, Film and Television Actor Darren Pettie will join the cast of *Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune* as Johnny, and BTG Alum Ariana Venturi, who played Gilda in last year's celebrated production of *Design for a Living*, will join the cast of *I Saw My Neighbor On the Train and I Didn't Even Smile* as Sadie.

Darren Pettie (Johnny in *Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune*) was born/bred in Alabama, served in Desert Storm, and attended Juilliard. London: (National Theatre) *Strange Interlude*. Broadway: *Butley*. Off Broadway: Detroit (Playwrights Horizons); *Dinner with Friends*, *The Milk Train Doesn't Stop Here Anymore* (Roundabout Theatre Company); *The Collection* (Atlantic Theatre Company); *This, Spatter Pattern* (Playwrights); *Hillary* (New Georges); *Dedication of the Stuff of Dreams* (Primary Stages); *Hobson's Choice* (Atlantic Theatre); *Unwrap Your Candy* (Vineyard Theatre); *Measure for Measure* (Delacorte); Regional and Festivals: *How the Other Half Loves* (Westport); *Don't Dress for Dinner* (Royal George); *The Cry of the Reed* (Huntington); *The Taming of the Shrew* (Commonwealth Shakespeare Festival); *Dedication of the Stuff of Dreams* (WTF). Film and Television: *Taking Woodstock*, *The International*, *Ghost Town*, *Four Single Fathers*. AMC pilot *Line of Sight*, *The Good Wife*, *Mad Men*, *Ringer*, *Scandal*, *Rizzoli & Isles*, *Pan Am*, *Castle*, *Prime Suspect*, *Gossip Girl*, *Cashmere Mafia*, *Brothers and Sisters*, *Without a Trace*, *Numb3rs*, *CSI*, *Crossing Jordan*, *Charmed*.

Ariana Venturi (Sadie in *I Saw My Neighbor On the Train and I Didn't Even Smile*) is thrilled

to return to BTG, where she appeared last summer as Gilda in *Design for a Living*, and creepy undertaker Mrs. Underwood in *The Cat and the Canary* in 2013. Regional: *These Paper Bullets!* and *In a Year with 13 Moons* (Yale Repertory Theatre), *Michael von Siebenburg Melts Through the Floorboards* (Actor's Theatre Louisville, 2012 Humana Festival). New York: *Dance Dance Revolution* (Les Freres Corbusier), *Vendetta Chrono* (Clubbed Thumb), *The Great Recession* (The Flea Theatre). She has a BA in English from Vassar college and an MFA from Yale School of Drama.

I Saw My Neighbor On the Train and I Didn't Even Smile

written by Suzanne Heathcote

directed by Jackson Gay

featuring Linda Gehringer, Adam Langdon, Keira Naughton, Adam O'Byrne, Andrew Rothenberg and Ariana Venturi

A co-production with New Neighborhood

at The Unicorn Theatre, Stockbridge

The Larry Vaber Stage

Previews: Thursday, July 16 through Friday, July 17

Press Opening/Opening Night: Saturday, July 18 at 8pm

Talkback: Monday, July 20 after 7pm performance

Closing: Saturday, August 15 at 8pm

Tickets: Preview: \$42

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Sponsored by: Lead Sponsor Bobbie Hallig, Natalie and Howard Shawn, Furlano & Arace PC and Laurin Publishing

Performance Dates:

Thursday, July 16 at 7pm (Preview)

Friday, July 17 at 8pm (Preview)

Saturday, July 18 at 2pm and 8pm (Opening Night)

Monday, July 20 at 7pm (Talkback)

Tuesday, July 21 at 7pm

Wednesday, July 22 at 7pm

Thursday, July 23 at 7pm

Friday, July 24 at 8pm

Saturday, July 25 at 2pm and 8pm

Monday, July 27 at 7pm

Tuesday, July 28 at 7pm

Wednesday, July 29 at 7pm

Thursday, July 30 at 7pm

Friday, July 31 at 8pm

Saturday, August 1 at 2pm and 8pm

Monday, August 3 at 7pm

Tuesday, August 4 at 7pm

Wednesday, August 5 at 7pm

Thursday, August 6 at 7pm

Friday, August 7 at 8pm

Saturday, August 8 at 2pm and 8pm

Monday, August 10 at 7pm

Tuesday, August 11 at 7pm

Wednesday, August 12 at 7pm
Thursday, August 13 at 7pm
Friday, August 14 at 8pm
Saturday, August 15 at 2pm and 8pm (Closing)

I Saw My Neighbor On the Train and I Didn't Even Smile Cast:

Rebecca: **Keira Naughton**
Daphne: **Linda Gehringer**
Jamie: **Andrew Rothenberg**
Paul: **Adam O'Byrne**
Sadie: **Ariana Venturi**
Eric: **Adam Langdon**

This is Rebecca's life: she wakes up, eats a sensible breakfast, wraps herself in three layers, drives to the train station, commutes to her bookkeeping job in the city, watches the clock, goes home, cooks dinner for her domineering mother, watches TV, and falls asleep grieving for her dead dog. Every day is the same as the next until Rebecca's underachieving brother begs her to take care of her troubled niece—and she does what she always does—she lets it happen. In an unforgivingly bitter month, three generations of women with nothing in common, except a deeply buried ache, try to keep the cold away.

About New Neighborhood: Born out of the Low Brow/Hi Fi 2014 Yale Rep production of *These Paper Bullets!* and the unintended financial backing of Rupert Murdoch, **New Neighborhood** is a theater and television company whose sincerity and authenticity are so combustible, it cannot be housed under one roof for too long without doing severe structural damage. With new work, bruised work, all-singing, all-dancing, foul-mouthed musical work, New Neighborhood seeks to harvest the organs of its audience and sell them back to their owners within the time houselights dim and rise, or the DVR records and you delete. Founded in 2015 by a collective of artists scattered across the country, New Neighborhood is a particular ordinance of Actors, Designers, Directors, Dramaturgs (all the hot D's!), Musicians, Graphic Novelists, Producers, Writers, Widows, Widowers (all the lousy W's) and bad, browned-on-both-sides Balladeers. New Neighborhood finds a show, produces the sh*t outta it, and disappears into a cloud of train. For more information about New Neighborhood, please visit www.newneighborhood.net.

Frankie And Johnny In the Clair de Lune

by Terrence McNally
directed by Karen Allen
featuring Angel Desai and Darren Pettie

at The Fitzpatrick Main Stage, Stockbridge Campus
Previews: Wednesday, July 29–Friday, July 31
Press Opening/Opening Night: Saturday, August 1 at 8pm
Talkback: Monday, August 3 at 7pm
Closing: Saturday, August 22 at 8pm
Tickets: Preview: \$42
Tickets: \$62
Sponsored by: Blantyre, Country Curtains and The Red Lion Inn

Performance Dates

Wednesday, July 29 at 7pm (Preview)

Thursday, July 30 at 7pm (Preview)
Friday, July 31 at 8pm (Preview)
Saturday, August 1 at 2pm and 8pm (Opening Night)
Monday, August 3 at 7pm (Talkback)
Tuesday, August 4 at 7pm
Wednesday, August 5 at 7pm
Thursday, August 6 at 7pm
Friday, August 7 at 8pm
Saturday, August 8 at 2pm and 8pm
Monday, August 10 at 7pm
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Wednesday, August 12 at 7pm
Thursday, August 13 at 7pm
Friday, August 14 at 8pm
Saturday, August 15 at 2pm and 8pm
Monday, August 17 at 7pm
Tuesday, August 18 at 7pm
Wednesday, August 19 at 7pm
Thursday, August 20 at 7pm
Friday, August 21 at 8pm
Saturday, August 22 at 2pm and 8pm (Closing Night)

The bewildering journey of finding love in the modern world sets the premise for Terrence McNally's (*Master Class, Love! Valour! Compassion!*) bittersweet comedy, *Frankie And Johnny In the Clair de Lune*. After a one-night rendezvous in Manhattan's West Side, Johnny, played by **Darren Pettie** (Broadway: *Butley*) a compulsive, starry-eyed, short-order cook, is convinced he has found his life companion in Frankie, **Angel Desai** (Broadway: *Company*), a wisecracking waitress. Frankie's poor history with men leaves her hesitant to commit, but as the night progresses, she lets her guard down and an unlikely romance begins to blossom. This contemporary love story will be directed by beloved BTG Alum **Karen Allen** (BTG: *Moonchildren, Extremities*).

Making her Fitzpatrick Main Stage directorial review, Karen has previously directed *Moonchildren* and *Extremities* in the Unicorn theatre. Karen Allen is an award-winning theatre and film actress and director, starring in countless renowned films including: *Raiders of the Lost Ark, Scrooged, Animal House, The Perfect Storm* and *The Glass Menagerie*. Allen has been in acclaimed On and Off-Broadway productions such as, *The Monday After the Miracle, Extremities*, and most recently, *A Summer Day*.

Frankie And Johnny In the Clair de Lune Cast:

Frankie: **Angel Desai**

Johnny: **Darren Pettie**

For more information about Berkshire Theatre Group and our upcoming season, please visit 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 in Stockbridge, MA and Pittsfield, MA. The Fitzpatrick Main Stage (300 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. To purchase tickets, call (413) 997-4444 or go online to www.BerkshireTheatreGroup.org.