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Mary Poppins, BTG's 10th Annual Community Production, Flies into The Colonial Theatre with Over 100 Berkshire County Youth

Pittsfield, MA—Berkshire Theatre Group presents *Mary Poppins*, BTG's 10th Annual Community Theatre Production, at The Colonial Theatre with over 100 Berkshire County youth. The production opens August 13th at 7pm and closes on August 23 at 2pm.

Tickets to *Mary Poppins* are \$30 and \$25 for Adults, and \$20 and \$15 for Children 16 years old and younger. Tickets may be purchased in person at the Colonial Ticket Office at 111 South Street, Pittsfield; at the Fitzpatrick Main Stage Ticket Office at 83 East Main Street, Stockbridge; by calling (413) 997-4444 or online at www.BerkshireTheatreGroup.org. All plays, schedules, casting and prices are subject to change.

Mary Poppins flies onto the Colonial stage for Berkshire Theatre Group's 10th Annual Community Theatre Production. In this beloved musical, written by Julian Fellowes of *Downton Abbey* fame, a practically perfect nanny teaches us "anything can happen if you let it." For the third time in a BTG community production, actors will fly through The Colonial Theatre, the first time was two years ago in *Peter Pan*, the second in last year's community production *Seussical*. This year's 10th annual community production will feature over 100 talented Berkshire County natives tap dancing and chimney sweeping their way to your heart.

There is magic stirring in London, England at No. 17 Cherry Tree Lane, home to the troubled Banks family. George and Winifred Banks are frustrated and fed-up with their misbehaving children, Jane and Michael, who have once again sent a nanny running out the door. The seemingly endless search for a suitable caretaker comes to a halt when a nanny by the name of Mary Poppins appears at their door. Through whimsical lessons and unforgettable adventures, Mary Poppins shows Jane and Michael the magic of everyday life. Bert, an elusive Renaissance gent, narrates this timeless tale that captivates audiences with its alluring story, beautiful dance numbers and unforgettable songs including, "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious," "A Spoonful Of Sugar," and many more!

This year marks the exciting 10th anniversary of Berkshire Theatre Group's Annual Community 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. Kate Maguire, Berkshire Theatre Group Artistic Director/CEO says, "What could be better than watching Bert and Mary fly over the audience, with 100 children on stage for our 10th annual community production. The iconic *Mary Poppins* represents love and sensibility—a perfect message to send to an audience of all ages. This enchanting production is filled with phenomenal dance numbers, giving the children the opportunity to show off their dancing chops."

Proceeds from this production benefit many children in Berkshire county beyond those who participate in and enjoy *Mary Poppins*! 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 the region with hopes this experience will stimulate a life-long love of theatre and help produce the next generation of playgoers, actors and other theatre professionals.

Join us on August 15th, following the 7pm performance of *Mary Poppins*, for our Spoonful of Sugar Event! Practically perfect in every way feast provided by Mazzeo's Ristorante, Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious treats provided by Chocolate Springs. Step in time on the dance floor, marvel at the items in our silent auction and place your bid! This night won't be grey and ordinary, and would be quite unsatisfactory without you. Tickets for the 7pm performance of *Mary Poppins* sold separately, don't bother calling the nanny...she'll be at the party! For more information call 413-448-8084x14.

Mary Poppins

a musical based on the stories of P.L. Travers and the Walt Disney Film
original music and lyrics by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman
book by Julian Fellowes
new songs and additional music and lyrics by George Stiles and Anthony Drewe
co-created by Cameron Mackintosh
directed by Travis G. Daly
music direction by Mark Gionfriddo
choreography by Kathy Jo Grover
additional choreography by Ilana Ransom Toeplitz

10th Annual Community Theatre Production
at The Colonial Theatre, Pittsfield Campus

Special Note: As a community production, there is no press night for *Mary Poppins*

Tickets: Adult A: \$30, Child A: \$20, Adult B: \$25, Child B: \$15

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Performance Dates:

Thursday, August 13 at 7pm

Friday, August 14 at 7pm

Saturday, August 15 at 2pm and 7pm (Spoonful of Sugar Event)

Sunday, August 16 at 2pm

Monday, August 17 at 7pm

Thursday, August 20 at 7pm

Friday, August 21 at 7pm

Saturday, August 22 at 2pm and 7pm

Sunday, August 23 at 2pm

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 (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 BTG call (413) 448-8084. To purchase tickets, call (413) 997-4444 or go online to www.BerkshireTheatreGroup.org.

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