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Berkshire Theatre Group presents the Second Annual Encore! An Evening to Celebrate High School Musicals

Pittsfield, MA— Berkshire Theatre Group presents the second annual *Encore! An Evening to Celebrate High School Musicals* at The Colonial Theatre on Saturday, 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! An Evening to Celebrate High School Musicals* are \$10. Contact the Colonial Ticket Office at 111 South Street, Pittsfield by calling [413-997-4444](tel:413-997-4444), or online at 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 100 students from: Hoosac Valley High School, Lee High School, Monument Mountain Regional High School, Mt. Everett Regional High School, Taconic High School, Mt. Greylock Regional High School, Pittsfield High School, Lenox Memorial High School, Drury High School, Wahconah Regional High School and Miss Hall's School. These talented young actors will perform musical numbers from: *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Urinetown*, *Cabaret*, *The Music Man*, *9 to 5*, and many more!

Travis G. Daly is excited to direct this event for the second year. "It's truly amazing to see how much this event has grown in the past year," says Daly. "This year, just about every public school in Berkshire County is involved." Last year, Daly worked closely with this event's co-creators, recent Monument Mountain graduates, Isabelle Costa and Caroline Mack.

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 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.