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**Berkshire Theatre Group Announces Auditions for Two Productions:**

**The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Theatre Production directed by Travis G. Daly**

**And**

***BTG Plays! 2016-2017 Touring Show, Danny Dollar Millionaire Extraordinaire:  
The Lemonade Escapade by Ty Jackson,  
Part of the Year-Round Touring Education Program***

**Pittsfield, MA** – Berkshire Theatre Group and Artistic Director/CEO, Kate Maguire, are excited to announce auditions for its 11th Annual Community Theatre Production, as well as auditions for *BTG Plays! 2016-2017 Touring Show, Danny Dollar Millionaire Extraordinaire: The Lemonade Escapade* by Ty Jackson. The title of the 11th Annual Community Theatre Production will be to be announced at a later date.

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.

For the past 11 years, BTG's Annual Community Theatre Production has brought together children and adults who have learned from each other all in the midst of collaboration and

creativity. Last year, over 6,000 patrons were in attendance for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Theatre production *Mary Poppins*, which featured over 120 talented children and adults from the community.

Berkshire Theatre Group's 11th Annual Children's Theatre Production will be directed by Travis G. Daly, with music direction by Mark Gionfriddo. **BTG is looking for 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.**

*Danny Dollar Millionaire Extraordinaire: The Lemonade Escapade*, by Ty Jackson, adaptation by E. Gray Simons, III, will be directed by Travis G. Daly. **BTG is looking for ten actors, 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up, to participate in its upcoming non-musical, touring production that focuses on an African American family.** Danny Dollar is a kid with a plan. He is out to become a millionaire and conquer the world. Unfortunately for him, the neighborhood bullies have other plans for Danny, like public humiliation. But when the last person in the world he would have expected enters his life, something happens that he never could have imagined. Along the way in this fun story, Danny is teaching kids about finance, banking, investing and entrepreneurship.

### **Audition Information**

#### **Annual Community Theatre Production:**

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 for the Annual Community Theatre Show will begin in June in Pittsfield, MA.

#### **Auditions times:**

Wednesday, February 3 from 6pm-10pm

Thursday, February 4 from 6pm-10pm

#### **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 *Beauty and the Beast*. 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.

#### ***Danny Dollar Millionaire Extraordinaire: The Lemonade Escapade:***

Berkshire Theatre Group seeks ten child and adult actors, 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up, to participate in its upcoming non-musical, touring production. This show tours during the school year. The show runs, on average, 1 show per week. The show will have performances during the school day, occasional week long engagements and occasional weekends. The roles and positions are open to members of the Berkshire community.

Rehearsals for the *Danny Dollar Millionaire Extraordinaire: The Lemonade Escapade* will begin in Fall 2016 in Pittsfield, MA.

**Auditions times:**

Wednesday, February 3 from 6pm-10pm

Thursday, February 4 from 6pm-10pm

**All auditions will take place at:**

The Colonial Theatre

111 South Street

Pittsfield, MA 01201

Actors will be asked to read sides from the book and/or play.

Appointments are necessary to audition.

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For more information about Berkshire Theatre Group and our upcoming season, please visit our website at [www.BerkshireTheatreGroup.org](http://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](http://www.BerkshireTheatreGroup.org).