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**Berkshire Theatre Group Welcomes Berkshires' own R&B and Jazz Group,
The Wanda Houston Band as part of the On The Stage Series**

Pittsfield, MA– Berkshire Theatre Group welcomes Berkshires' own R&B and jazz group, The Wanda Houston Band, as part of the On The Stage Series, at The Colonial Theatre on Saturday, January 30 at 8pm.

Tickets to The Wanda Houston Band are \$25. 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.

The On The Stage Series gives audiences the opportunity to see their favorite performers, up close and personal, with artists and audience together on the historic Colonial stage.

The Berkshires' own Wanda Houston Band performs '40s, '50s and '60s R&B and jazz. Band members are: Jay Bradley (drums), Wanda L. Houston (vocals), Robert Kelly (keyboard & vocals) and Jeff Stevens (trumpet & vocals).

Lead vocalist, Wanda L. Houston, is originally from Chicago, IL and has performed throughout the United States, Germany and Australia. She's worked on and off-Broadway and in television and film. Now settled in the Berkshires, Wanda is working with her bands: The Wanda Houston

Band; jazz trio, Heth Bradley & Houston; blues duo, Big and Bigger; and gospel quartet, Brother & Sisters. She also enjoys collaborating with incredible musicians, composers, writers, film makers, singers, poets, dancers and choirs throughout New England. She's just released the third blues album with Big & Bigger, *Big & Bigger Live, Again!* and is working on new recordings with The Wanda Houston Band in 2016.

Event Summary:

On The Stage Series: The Wanda Houston Band

on The Colonial Theatre stage

111 South Street

Pittsfield, MA 01201

Saturday, January 30 at 8pm

Tickets: \$25

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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.