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THEATRE GROUP

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**Berkshire Theatre Group Receives  
\$45,000 Grant  
from The Shubert Foundation**

**Pittsfield, MA**—Berkshire Theatre Group is proud to announce that it was the recipient of a prestigious \$45,000 grant from the New York-based Shubert Foundation. The Shubert Foundation provides grant support to theatres throughout the country.

Artistic Director/CEO Kate Maguire says, “We’re deeply thankful to The Shubert Foundation for its grant to BTG. The special aspect of support from The Shubert Foundation is that their grants go directly to helping underwrite the work we produce on our stages. As leaders in the national theatre scene, they recognize the fundamental economics of the theatre business. We will put The Shubert Foundation grant to good use as we prepare to launch our 2016 Summer Season.”

The Shubert Foundation, Inc. was established in 1945 by Lee and J.J. Shubert in memory of their brother Sam, and is the sole shareholder of The Shubert Organization, Inc., which currently owns/operates 21 theatres: 17 on Broadway, one off-Broadway theatre (The Little Shubert), and one each in Boston and Philadelphia.

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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 (314 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. The Colonial is available to rent for performance events as well as other events/functions. For more information about renting our facilities, contact Ashlei Perkins at [ashlei@berkshiretheatre.org](mailto:ashlei@berkshiretheatre.org), or (413)448-8084 x18. 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](http://www.BerkshireTheatreGroup.org).