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111th birthday of former Berkshire Theatre Festival Artistic Director, William “Billy” Miles to Benefit Berkshire Theatre Group's Festival Archives

Pittsfield, MA – Berkshire Theatre Group and Artistic Director/CEO, Kate Maguire ... to celebrate Billy Miles' 111th Birthday, at the Fitzpatrick Main Stage, Saturday, July 2nd at 8pm

Join us at the Stockbridge Campus for an evening performance of *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* directed by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright, David Auburn. Following the performance join the cast for a private reception celebrating the 111th birthday of former Berkshire Theatre Festival Artistic Director, Williams “Billy” Miles. Proceeds to benefit Berkshire Theatre Group's Festival Archives.

Ticket prices are as follows: Supporter \$150, includes pre-show reception, preferred seating for performance, party program recognition, curtain Speech recognition and post-show reception; Angel \$300, includes pre-show reception, producer seating for performance, party program recognition, curtain speech recognition and post-show reception; Supporting Producer \$1500, includes pre-show reception, preferred seating for performance for 10, party program recognition curtain speech recognition and post-show reception; and Angel Producer \$3000, includes pre-show reception, producer seating for performance for 10, party program recognition, curtain speech recognition and post-show reception

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. Contact Tara Kalish for Angel Producer tickets at (413) 448-8084 x14. Ticket Offices are open Monday-Friday 10am-5pm, Saturdays 10am-2pm or on any performance day from 10am until curtain. All plays, schedules, casting and

prices are subject to change.

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof Cast

by Tennessee Williams

directed by David Auburn

at The Fitzpatrick Main Stage

BTG's Stockbridge Campus, 83 East Main Street

Sponsored by: Blantyre, Country Curtains, The Red Lion Inn and The Westfield News Group

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof Cast:

David Adkins as Reverend Tooker

Jim Beaver as Big Daddy

Rebecca Brooksher as Maggie

Linda Gehringer as Big Mama

Timothy Gulan as Gooper

Jenn Harris as Mae

Michael Raymond-James as Brick

Brian Russell as Doctor Baugh

About the Show:

"I've got the guts to die. What I want to know is do you have the guts to live?" asks the towering and domineering Big Daddy. Sometimes described as Williams' greatest play, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* was the playwrights' favorite. A powerful depiction of greed and deception that lies in the heart of a Southern American family, this Pulitzer and Tony Award-winning play will be directed by Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning David Auburn (*Proof*), returning to the Fitzpatrick Main Stage where he has directed *A Delicate Balance*, *Period of Adjustment* and *Anna Christie*.

Mississippi plantation owner, the cantankerous Big Daddy, is celebrating his 65th birthday. His family has returned for the occasion, including his favorite son, the masculine Brick, and Brick's wife, the lonely and longing Maggie. Brick and Maggie's strained marriage plagues Big Daddy's mind, and he demands answers to why they haven't given him a grandchild yet. However, Big Daddy's family holds a powerful secret, and an ulterior motive as to why they have returned to the plantation. The families' troubled relationships and emotional lies become exposed in the timeless American treasure, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*.

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