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**BTG Presents
Pulitzer and Tony Award-Winning
Cat on a Hot Tin Roof
Directed by Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-Winning
David Auburn**

Pittsfield, MA – Berkshire Theatre Group and Artistic Director/CEO, Kate Maguire presents Pulitzer and Tony Award-winning production *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, directed by Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning **David Auburn**, and featuring **Michael Raymond-James** as Brick. Michael Raymond-James starred in NBC's recent series, *Game of Silence* and is best known for his featured roles in *True Blood* and *Once Upon a Time*. His films include *Black Snake Moan* with Justin Timberlake and *Jack Reacher* with Tom Cruise. *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* runs from June 22 through July 16, at The Fitzpatrick Main Stage in Stockbridge, MA.

Kate Maguire says, "We are thrilled to have 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*."

Director David Auburn adds, "We will be taking a fresh look at this great American classic with an outstanding company of actors, aiming for a production that's as unexpected as it is visceral. I've worked with **Rebecca Brooksher**, (BTG: *Anna Christie*, *Period of Adjustment*; TV: *Elementary*, *Happyish*), many times, going back to the Juilliard School. We last collaborated at BTG on *Anna Christie*."

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof's cast also features **David Adkins** (BTG: *Benefactors; Thoreau or, Return to Walden; Poe*), **Jim Beaver** (TV: *Better Call Saul, Supernatural, Deadwood*; Film: *In Country, Magnolia, The Life of David Gale*), **Linda Gehringer** (BTG: *I Saw My Neighbor on the Train and I Didn't Even Smile, The Batting Cage*; Film: *As Good as it Gets*), **Timothy Gulan** (Broadway: *The Last Ship*), **Jenn Harris** (Off-Broadway: *Silence! The Musical, Modern Orthodox*) and **Brian Russell** (Broadway: *The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial, The Farnsworth Invention*), as well as the previously mentioned **Mr. Raymond-James** and **Ms. Brooksher**.

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. 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

Previews: Wednesday, June 22 through Friday, June 24

Press Opening/Opening Night: Saturday, June 25 at 8pm

Talkback: Monday, June 27 after 7pm performance

Closing: Saturday, July 16 at 8pm

Tickets: Preview: \$45

Tickets: \$62

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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*.

Performance Dates

Wednesday, June 22 at 7pm (Preview)

Thursday, June 23 at 7pm (Preview)

Friday, June 24 at 8pm (Preview)

Saturday, June 25 at 2pm and 8pm (Press Opening/Opening Night)

Monday, June 27 at 7pm (Talkback)

Tuesday, June 28 at 7pm

Wednesday, June 29 at 7pm

Thursday, June 30 at 7pm

Friday, July 1 at 8pm

Saturday, July 2 at 2pm and 8pm

Monday, July 4 at 7pm

Tuesday, July 5 at 7pm

Wednesday, July 6 at 7pm

Thursday, July 7 at 7pm

Friday, July 8 at 8pm

Saturday, July 9 at 2pm and 8pm

Monday, July 11 at 7pm

Tuesday, July 12 at 7pm

Wednesday, July 13 at 7pm

Thursday, July 14 at 7pm

Friday, July 15 at 8pm

Saturday, July 16 at 2pm and 8pm (Closing)

For more information about Berkshire Theatre Group and our upcoming season, please visit 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 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.