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### **Berkshire Theatre Group Welcomes Pulitzer and Tony Award-Winning Musical *Fiorello!***

**Pittsfield, MA** – Berkshire Theatre Group and Artistic Director/CEO, Kate Maguire welcomes Pulitzer and Tony Award-winning musical, *Fiorello!* directed by Playwrights Horizons founder, Bob Moss. *Fiorello!* runs from June 15 through July 23, at The Unicorn Theatre in Stockbridge, MA.

Kate Maguire says, "I'm thrilled that we're starting the season with this delightful, Pulitzer and Tony Award-winning musical, created by Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick who currently have two hit shows on Broadway, *She Loves Me* and *Fiddler on the Roof*."

Bob Moss says, "Mayor La Guardia was long gone by the time I moved to New York, so I never lived under his tenure in City Hall. But the "Little Flower," as he was called, lives on in memory. The music is toe-tapping, the characters are richly drawn and a story about good guys is desperately needed in today's jaded and vitriolic politics. It's great to

be reminded, as the music lifts us aloft, that good can triumph over selfishness.”

What is a progressive politic? Look no further than Pulitzer and Tony Award-winning *Fiorello!*. A big-hearted look at Mayor LaGuardia and his battle for the people of New York City. This charming production has music and lyrics by Tony Award-winners Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick (*Fiddler On The Roof*, *She Loves Me*) and book by Tony Award and Drama Desk-Winner George Abbott (*The Pajama Game*, *Damn Yankees*) and Jerome Weidman (*Tenderloin*).

Tammany Hall is in dire need of an honest leader, and Fiorello La Guardia is just the man for the job. Battling against the corrupt, political puppets of New York City, Fiorello vows to clean up the Big Apple. A man of the people, Fiorello must use his wit and charm to fight for the right of the citizens. Based on the real-life rise to power of Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, *Fiorello!* is one of only eight musicals to have been awarded the esteemed Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

To purchase tickets, contact the Colonial Ticket Office at 111 South Street, Pittsfield by calling 413-997-4444, or online at [www.berkshiretheatregroup.org](http://www.berkshiretheatregroup.org). Ticket Offices are open Monday-Friday 10am-5pm, Saturdays 10am-2pm or on any performance day from 10am until curtain.

### ***Fiorello!***

book by Jerome Weidman and George Abbott

music by Jerry Bock

lyrics by Sheldon Harnick

original production presented by Robert E. Griffith and Harold S. Prince

directed by Bob Moss

choreography by Michael Callahan

music direction by Evan Zavada

### **at The Unicorn Theatre**

The Larry Vaber Stage

BTG's Stockbridge Campus, 6 East Street

Previews: Wednesday, June 15 through Friday, June 17

Opening Night: Saturday, June 18 at 8pm

Press Night/Talkback: Monday, June 20 at 7pm

Closing: Saturday, July 23 at 8pm

Tickets: Preview: \$50

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**Cast Breakdown:****Katie Birenboim** as Marie**Michael Brahce** as Featured Ensemble**Rebecca Brudner** as Thea**Dan Cassin** as Floyd**Chelsea Groen** as Dora**Austin Lombardi** as Fiorello**Matt McLean** as Morris**Rylan Morsbach** as Ben**Julius Reese** as Featured Ensemble**Michael Sullivan** as Neil

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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. To purchase tickets, call (413) 997-4444 or go online to [www.BerkshireTheatreGroup.org](http://www.BerkshireTheatreGroup.org).