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BTG's 11th Annual Community Theatre Production
Beauty and The Beast
directed by Travis G. Daly
music direction by Mark Gionfriddo
choreography by Kathy Jo Grover

Pittsfield, MA— Berkshire Theatre Group announces the 11th Annual Community Theatre Production *Beauty and The Beast*, directed by Travis G. Daly with music direction by Mark Gionfriddo and choreography by Kathy Jo Grover, at The Colonial Theatre, August 11 through August 19.

Tickets to *Beauty and the Beast* range from \$20 to \$50. Contact the Colonial Ticket Office at 111 South Street, Pittsfield by calling [413-997-4444](tel:413-997-4444), or online at www.berkshiretheatregroup.org. The Ticket Office is open Monday-Friday 10am-5pm, Saturdays 10am-2pm or on any performance day from 10am until curtain.

At the heart of BTG's education program is a passionate commitment to bring live theatre, and all its inherent excitement and creativity, to children throughout our region. In addition, for many of these students, this is the first theatrical experience on a professional stage. BTG hopes this experience will stimulate a life-long love of theatre and help produce the next generation of playgoers, actors or other theatre professionals.

Beauty and The Beast

music by Alan Menken
lyrics by Howard Ashman & Tim Rice
book by Linda Woolverton
originally directed by Robert Jess Roth
originally produced by Disney Theatrical Productions

directed by Travis G. Daly
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choreography by Kathy Jo Grover

at The Colonial Theatre

BTG's Pittsfield Campus, 111 South Street

Preview: Thursday, August 11

Opening Night: Friday, August 12 at 7pm

Closing: Friday, August 19 at 7pm

Special Note: As a community production, there is no press night for *Beauty and The Beast*

Tickets: Adult A: \$40; Adult B: \$30

Child A: \$25; Child B: \$20

Rose Circle Tickets: Adult: \$50 • Child: \$35

(includes premium seating, a signed poster and post-show meet and greet with a cast member)

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Beauty and the Beast will share its “tale as old as time” at The Colonial Theatre for Berkshire Theatre Group’s 11th Annual Community Theatre Production. This beloved Tony Award and Drama Desk Award-nominated musical will feature over 100 talented Berkshire County natives. Be our guest as BTG flies actors through The Colonial for the fourth time in a BTG community production.

A spell is cast on a conceited, immature prince and his castle, turning the strikingly handsome young man into a hideous, cruel creature: The Beast. To break the curse, The Beast must discover how to love someone for the kindness of their heart, and be loved in return in his grisly form. Meanwhile, in a small, mundane French town, Belle, a bright and beautiful bookworm, has always felt out of place. Picked on by her peers, and constantly sought after by the superficial town hunk, Gaston, Belle aches for adventure. The only person that truly believes in Belle is her father, Maurice, an affectionate, eccentric inventor. After losing his way in the woods, Maurice is captured by The Beast. Belle agrees to become prisoner in exchange for her father’s freedom. With the aid of The Beast’s enchanted, charming servants—Lumiere, Cogsworth, Mrs. Potts and Chip—Belle finds that there is more to The Beast than meets the eye. *Beauty and The Beast* is bursting with stunning dance numbers and memorable songs, such as: “Be Our Guest,” “Beauty and The Beast,” “Gaston,” and more!

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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.