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The Brubeck Brothers Quartet Performs at the 9th Annual Pittsfield CityJazz Festival

Pittsfield, MA – In collaboration with the Pittsfield CityJazz Festival, the Brubeck Brothers will perform at the Colonial on October 19 at 8pm. The Brubeck Brothers Quartet is an exciting jazz group featuring two members of one of America's most accomplished musical families: Dan Brubeck (drums,) and Chris Brubeck(bass & trombone), Mike DeMicco (guitar), and Chuck Lamb (piano) complete this dynamic quartet.

Tickets to The Brubeck Brothers are \$30-\$18. Contact the Colonial Ticket Office at 111 South Street, Pittsfield by calling 413-997-4444. Tickets may also be purchased 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. More information on the Pittsfield CityJazz Festival can be found at www.berkshiresjazz.org.

"This is a very special year for the Brubeck Brothers: they are on a national tour with a tribute to their father, who passed away less than a year ago," said Ed Bride, Pittsfield CityJazz Producer. "They bring that tour to the same venue --the Colonial Theatre-- where Dave Brubeck made his final appearance in the Berkshires, in 2009. It will be a very special night, indeed."

The concert represents a continuation of a series of collaborations between BTG and Berkshires Jazz, a collaboration that has brought many legendary performers and jazz masters to Berkshire audiences. NEA Jazz Masters like Billy Taylor, Dave Brubeck (both deceased), and Phil Woods, as well as next-generation stalwarts like T.S. Monk, Claire Daly, Grace Kelly, and now, The Brubeck Brothers.

The quartet's style is rooted in "straight-ahead" jazz, their concerts reveal an inherent ability to explore and play odd time signatures while naturally integrating the influences of funk, blues and world music. The Brubeck Brothers creativity, technique and improvisation can be heard in their uncompromising music, which reflects their dedication to melody, rhythm, culture and the spontaneous spirit of jazz.

The Brubeck Brothers' latest release, LifeTimes, is a tribute to the elder Brubeck with their own takes on four of Dave's compositions (as well as Paul Desmond' "Take Five", the one song most identified by Dave, though he didn't compose it). When Dave appeared at the Colonial in 2009, it was the 50th anniversary of Take 5, one of the best-selling jazz albums of all time.

LifeTimes will comprise much of the music that will be performed on that night. Both brothers, Dan and Chris, will also be guest soloists with the Berkshires Jazz Youth Ensemble, directed by Ronald A. Lively, music director of Pittsfield High School.

For more information about the performance, please visit our website at www.BerkshireTheatreGroup.org

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 on five stages in Stockbridge, MA, Pittsfield, MA and Lenox, MA. The Fitzpatrick Main Stage (400 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. BTG also performs at the newly built outdoor Neil Ellenoff stage at the Mount and at The Garage, a music venue located in the lobby of The Colonial. Together they serve over 100,000 patrons per year and reach over 17,000 students through their 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.