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Saturday Night Live and Comedy Central Comedian, Colin Quinn, Tackles 226 years of American Constitutional Calamities in *Unconstitutional* at The Colonial Theatre

Pittsfield, MA –On May 25, 1787 at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, 55 delegates in wigs and tights sat down to create a country from scratch. On Presidents Day Weekend, February 16, 2014 at The Colonial Theatre in Pittsfield, Colin Quinn tackles 227 years of American Constitutional calamities in *Unconstitutional* and offers his unique comedic perspective on our national character. From predator drones to the Kardashians, he pulls no punches in asking if this is what the founding fathers planned.

Tickets to *Colin Quinn: Unconstitutional* on Sunday, February 16 at 7pm are on sale now for \$25 and \$35. Contact the Colonial Ticket Office at 111 South Street, Pittsfield by calling 413-997-4444. Tickets can also be bought 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.

A native of Brooklyn, Colin Quinn began his stand-up career in New York as a regular on the comedy club circuit. He made his television debut as co-host of MTV's popular game show *Remote Control*. In 1995, Quinn landed a spot on the legendary late-night show *Saturday Night Live*, where he entertained audiences for five seasons with his writing and unforgettable characters before stepping in as anchor for *SNL*'s popular *Weekend Update* segment.

After *SNL*, Quinn tackled societal issues on Comedy Central's *Tough Crowd With Colin Quinn*, in which he served as the show's host, creator and executive producer, from 2002-2004.

In addition to his television work, Colin also wrote the screenplay for the movie *Celtic Pride* and has appeared in many films, including *A Night at the Roxbury*, *Comedian*, and Adam Sandler's *Grown Ups*. Colin's first one-man show, *Sanctifying Grace*, began off-Broadway in 1994 and was later produced as *Colin Quinn—An Irish Wake* and played at the Helen Hayes Theatre.

In 2010, he returned to the Helen Hayes Theatre and starred in the hit Broadway show *Colin Quinn Long Story Short*. Directed by Jerry Seinfeld, the show was nominated for a Drama Desk Award and was nominated for an Emmy as a HBO special in 2011.

In addition to Colin Quinn, BTG's Spring 2014 Season features a stellar lineup of iconic comics: Loni Love on March 7 at 8pm, Lisa Lampanelli on June 14 at 8pm and local favorites, the Royal Berkshire Improv Troupe on January 31 at 8pm and February 2 at 2pm.

For more information about Berkshire Theatre Group 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 on five stages in Stockbridge, MA and Pittsfield, 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 outdoor Neil Ellenoff stage, located on the grounds of BTF in Stockbridge, and at The Garage, a music venue located in the lobby of The Colonial. BTG serves over 100,000 patrons per year and reaches over 17,000 students through its educational and outreach programs. For more information on BTG call (413) 448-8084. To purchase tickets, call (413) 997-4444 or go online to www.BerkshireTheatreGroup.org.