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Peter Schickele, Irish Rovers, and Classic Albums Live Performs Abbey Road Added to Berkshire Theatre Group's Summer Line Up

Pittsfield, MA– Berkshire Theatre Group is pleased announce Peter Schickele, Irish Rovers, and Classic Albums Live Performs Abbey Road to the summer season line up at the Colonial Theatre.

Irish Rovers bring their Farewell Tour to the Colonial Theatre on Thursday, August 21 at 8pm. **Classic Albums Live Performs Abbey Road** on Saturday, September 6 at 8pm. **Peter Schickele 50 Years of P.D.Q. Bach: A Triumph of Incompetence** on Saturday, July 26 at 8pm.

Tickets are on sale to members Monday, May 5 at 10am and to the public on Thursday, May 8 at 10am. Contact the Colonial Ticket Office at 111 South Street, Pittsfield by calling [413-997-4444](tel: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.

Irish Rovers: The Farewell Tour

at The Colonial Theatre

Thursday, August 21 at 8pm

Tickets: A: \$50, B: \$40, C: \$30

With wit, a wink, and a smile The Irish Rovers return to the US for The Farewell Tour. Enjoy their irrepressible Irish charm and songs that have captivated audiences since 1964! These last few years, the Rovers have sold out concert tours, returned to the radio airwaves, garnered rave reviews for their recent *Gracehill Fair*, *Drunken Sailor*, and *Home in Ireland* albums, and were touted in the press as "internet sensations!" The excitement around the Rovers these days confirms that their music continues to hit a chord with fans of all ages.

Peter Schickele

50 Years of P.D.Q. Bach: A Triumph of Incompetence

at The Colonial Theatre

Saturday, July 26 at 8pm

Tickets: A: \$55, B: \$45, C: \$35, D: \$25

One thing that Peter Schickele and P.D.Q. Bach have in common is their love of writing party music. Mr. Schickele has composed rounds, songs and piano miniatures which have served as presents, congratulatory messages, homages, bread and butter notes (notes, get it?) and simply as something new to bring to sight-reading parties. He has been writing such pieces since he began composing during his early teenage years, and he continues to do so with undiminished enthusiasm; sometimes the results turn out to be among his best works.

Classic Albums Live Performs Abbey Road

at The Colonial Theatre

Saturday, September 6 at 8pm

Tickets: A: \$50, B: \$42.50, C: \$35, D: \$27.50

Just the name *Abbey Road* makes you think of another time, a time when music mattered. *Abbey Road* saw the Beatles let go. It was their swan song album. They wanted to make something that would last and end their legacy with grace and cool. No other album picks up a full head of steam like *Abbey Road*. Despite their splitting up, the lads beckon us to "Come Together" right from the onset. And they crescendo and say goodbye with a kiss of philosophy that not only stands the test of time, but tattoos itself onto our hearts: "And in the end, the love you take, is equal to the love you make."

For full Berkshire Theatre line up 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.