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Irish Rovers to Perform The Farewell Tour at The Colonial Theatre

Pittsfield, MA – The Irish Rovers will perform The Farewell Tour at The Colonial Theatre on August 21 at 8pm. For more than four decades, The Irish Rovers have charmed and entertained audiences around the world with their exciting stage shows.

Tickets to *The Farewell Tour* on Thursday, August 21 at 8pm are on sale now for \$27-\$47. 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.

“Throughout the years, these international ambassadors of Irish music have maintained their timeless ability to deliver a rollicking, rousing performance of good cheer- one that will soon have you singing and clapping along. Their songs have become anthems of revelry and joy among generation after generation of fans.”-
Belfast Telegraph

With wit, a wink, a smile The Irish Rovers return to the US in 2014 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, attracted the attention of a new younger audience, 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, and their musicianship onstage is attracting a younger generation of musicians to their shows.

After more than twenty-five years the band also returned to the small screen with two television specials, both now available on DVD: *Home In Ireland* and *Irish Rovers Christmas*.

It has been a long and magical journey for these Irish lads, and the magic keeps on coming. Due to YouTube, their “Drunken Sailor” song has reached a new young audience, with over 10,000,000 hits. Last year, Rovers songwriter/producer George Millar responded by heading back to the studio and recording a new CD full of songs of the sea, including a tribute to *The Titanic* for its 100th anniversary. The release made headlines in both America and Ireland, and was the soundtrack for a Canadian documentary about the Harland and Wolff shipyards of Belfast where the mighty ship was built. The Irish Rovers received accolades for their last few CDs in Canada, Europe and the US.

Over the years, The Irish Rovers have become cherished music icons, have touched three generations of music lovers, and brought Ireland into North American living rooms with their three television series that spanned over twenty years.

If you’ve been waiting to see this iconic band, wait no longer as this is the last time The Irish Rovers will tour the US. The last tour for Canada will be in 2015. “That makes it fifty years of touring”, says Rovers founder George Millar, “a good round number.”

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.