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**Berkshire Theatre Group Presents Grammy Award-Winning  
Folk Music Legends The New Christy Minstrels**

**Pittsfield, MA**– Berkshire Theatre Group presents Grammy Award-winning folk music legends, The New Christy Minstrels on Saturday, November 14 at 7pm, at The Colonial Theatre.

Tickets to The New Christy Minstrels are \$55, \$45 and \$25. 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](http://www.berkshiretheatregroup.org). The Ticket Office is open Monday-Friday 10am-5pm, Saturdays 10am-2pm or on any performance day from 10am until curtain.

The New Christy Minstrels are Grammy Award-winning folk music legends with 20 albums and numerous hits, including: "Today," "Saturday Night," "Denver," "Mighty Mississippi" and "Green, Green." The band includes Randy Sparks, Pete Henderson, Becky Jo Benson, Jennifer Lind, Greg O'Haver, Dave Rainwater, and John Denver's Uncle, Dave Deutschendorf. Each performer adds a diverse and unique talent to the pool.

Randy Sparks, founder of The New Christy Minstrels, says, "When I invented The New Christy Minstrels on paper in 1961, I heard a sound in my mind, and I envisioned a group that would be as entertaining as The Kingston Trio, but have the choral power of The Norman Luboff Choir. I liked the joyful noise of a chorus, all those gifted people singing in perfect harmony, but they weren't much fun to watch, as they just stood there and sang. The KT, on the other hand, while maybe not as careful to hit every note exactly right, were much more entertaining, as they jumped around on the stage, all three of them playing and singing at the same time, having fun.

'Wouldn't it be delightful,' I asked myself, 'if I could achieve just the right combination of those two diverse elements in a new act?' It took a while to get the sound I heard in my mind onto a record, and it was even a greater challenge to properly prepare such an act for the stage, but my invention was so successful that our first signed contract for a concert date was The Greek Theater in Los Angeles, and I won a Grammy for our very first album on Columbia Records."

The New Christy Minstrels strive to bring traditional Folk Music filled with important stories and memorable songs to every generation. Stay after the show for an autograph from the band!

**Event Summary:**

The New Christy Minstrels  
at The Colonial Theatre  
111 South Street  
Pittsfield, MA 01201  
Saturday, November 14 at 7pm  
Tickets: A: \$55 B: \$45 C: \$25

For more information about Berkshire Theatre Group's season, please visit our website at [www.BerkshireTheatreGroup.org](http://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 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 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. 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](http://www.BerkshireTheatreGroup.org).