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**BTG PLAYS! 2019-2020 Touring Show:
Magic Tree House: Pirates Past Noon KIDS**

**Based on
Magic Tree House: Pirates Past Noon
by Award-Winning Author
Mary Pope Osborne**

Pittsfield, MA—Berkshire Theatre Group and Kate Maguire (Artistic Director, CEO) are excited to announce BTG PLAYS! 2019-2020 Touring Show, **Magic Tree House: Pirates Past Noon KIDS**, based on the book, *Magic Tree House: Pirates Past Noon* by **Mary Pope Osborne**. This musical features a book by **Jenny Laird** and **Will Osborne**, lyrics by **Randy Courts** and **Will Osbourne** and music by **Randy Courts**, with direction by **Travis Daly**. BTG PLAYS! 2019-2020 Touring Show is sponsored by Lead Sponsor, Berkshire Bank; Massachusetts Cultural Council; and The Shubert Foundation.

BTG PLAYS! Touring Show is a part of Berkshire Theatre Group's year-round education program, which reaches 13,000 school children annually. Beginning in October and running through the school year, this production is appropriate for elementary and middle school aged children and family audiences, and is designed to introduce students to the excitement of live theatre. Touring to schools and venues all throughout

Berkshire County and surrounding towns with a local company of artists, a question and answer session with the actors follows each performance.

Magic Tree House: Pirates Past Noon KIDS is an adaptation of the fourth of Mary Pope Osborne's award-winning fantasy adventure books from the Magic Tree House book series, which has sold more than 100 million copies and is available in more than a hundred countries around the world. This time around, Jack and Annie's tree house takes them to an exotic island with pirates, where the two discover the power of friendship and the simple pleasures in everyday life.

The two siblings return to visit the magic tree house on a dreary, rainy day. They find a book where the sun is shining and the waves are crashing, so they wish to travel to this tropical place. They realize that they are in the eighteenth-century Caribbean—the time of pirates! The siblings meet Captain Bones, a mean old pirate who captures the two and forces them to help him find buried treasure. It's up to Jack and Annie to find their way back to the tree house and make their way home.

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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. In 2010, under the leadership of Artistic Director and CEO Kate Maguire, the two organizations merged to form Berkshire Theatre Group (BTG). Berkshire Theatre Group's mission is to support wide ranging artistic exploration and acclaimed performances in theatre, dance, music and entertainment. Every year, BTG produces and presents performances to over 68,000 attendees and, through our Educational Program, serves over 13,000 Berkshire County schoolchildren annually. BTG's celebrated stages reflect the history of the American theatre; they represent a priceless cultural resource for the community.