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New Album Now Available for Sale
Respect: A Tribute to the Queen of Soul
Live at the Colonial Theatre
Featuring Gina Coleman, Danielia Cotton, Jen Durkin and Wanda Houston

Pittsfield, MA– Berkshire Theatre Group (BTG) is thrilled to announce **Respect: A Tribute to The Queen of Soul (Live at The Colonial Theatre)** now available for sale via digital download through CD Baby. Recorded in November of 2018, the live album features 21 of Aretha Franklin's top hits, featuring Gina Coleman, Danielia Cotton, Jen Durkin and Wanda Houston, backed by Rev Tor & Friends.

Respect is available for purchase online at www.berkshiretheatregroup.org/music-downloads for \$20, or individual tracks are available for \$2 each. All proceeds will benefit BTG PLAYS!, BTG's year-round education program.

Program and Rentals Manager (Rev) Tor Krautter says "As I pulled together my dream team of soul singers: Gina Coleman, Danielia Cotton, Jen Durkin and Wanda Houston, I knew the night needed to be recorded. As four of the Northeast's most powerful and dynamic vocalists, I was confident putting them on stage together to celebrate the queen of soul was going to be a magical night. We ended up capturing just that on a 32-track digital recording of the entire performance. After a year of tireless mixing and mastering, as well as acquiring the licensing and distribution rights, I am so excited to see it now available for digital download."

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 school children annually.