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For Immediate Release, Please:

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October & November Concerts at the Colonial**

National Performing Acts

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Pittsfield, MA – Berkshire Theatre Group (BTG) and Kate Maguire (Artistic Director, CEO) are excited to present seven exciting Concerts at the Colonial, including national performing acts, a concert to benefit three local non-profits, regional bands and two one-night only film presentations.

Season Discounts & Ticket Information

BTGY (Young Adult)

Young adults between the ages of 18 and 30 can purchase one ticket to any BTG produced show for \$30 (fees included). This offer is available by phone or in person only. Additionally, one BTG presented show ticket may be purchased for 10% off the single ticket price (rental events not included).

EBT Card to Culture Program

EBT Card to Culture is a collaboration between the Mass Cultural Council and the Executive Office of Health and Human Services' Department of Transitional Assistance. This is available to anyone with EBT, WIC, or ConnectorCare Insurance. This offer includes two tickets to the majority of BTG's shows at the rate of \$5 each. All additional fees are also waived. These tickets are subject to availability as seating is limited. This offer is available by phone or in person only.

Massachusetts Teachers Association

Massachusetts Teachers Association (MTA) members are eligible for a discount of 20% off orders to any BTG show. Education is a core value of BTG, and we appreciate those who are doing the work in our community. To redeem this discount, mention it while ordering over the phone at 413-997-4444, or in person at our box office.

AAA

AAA members are eligible for 10% off on orders to any BTG show. To redeem this discount, mention it while ordering over the phone at 413-997-4444, or in person at our box office.

Tickets for these exciting productions are on sale now. All plays, schedules, casting and prices are subject to change. To purchase tickets, visit www.BerkshireTheatreGroup.org or contact our box office by calling 413-997-4444.

The box office is open Tuesday through Sunday 12pm-5pm or on any performance day from 12pm until curtain. BTG's Pittsfield Campus is located at 111 South Street, (The Colonial Theatre) Pittsfield, MA.

National Touring Acts

At The Colonial Theatre in Pittsfield

Sam Bush

2023 Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame inductee

Multi Grammy Award Winner

Father of Newgrass

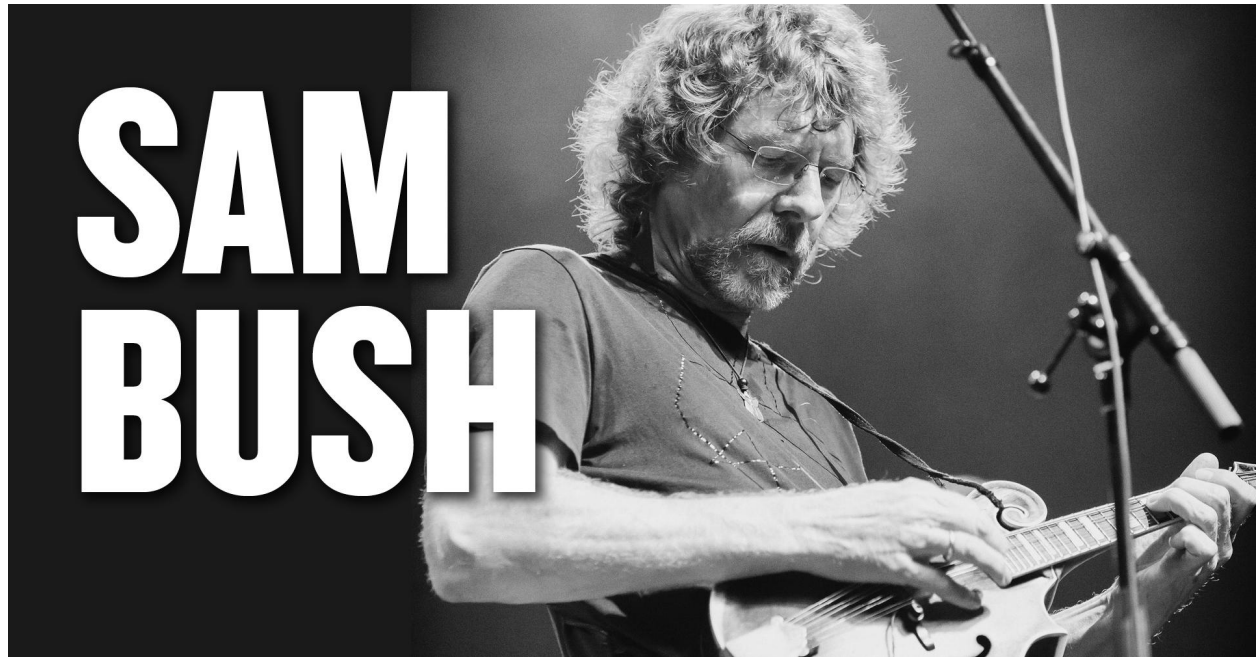
With Special Guests: Rev Tor & Friends

Featuring Mark Mercier of Max Creek

at The Colonial Theatre

Wednesday, October 25 at 7:30pm

Tickets: \$39



2023 Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame inductee, Father of Newgrass and Multi Grammy Award Winner, Sam Bush, is a legendary bluegrass musician, known for his virtuosic skills on the mandolin, fiddle and guitar. With a career spanning over four decades, Bush has become a true icon of the genre, inspiring countless musicians with his innovative playing style and infectious energy on stage. From his early days playing with New Grass Revival to his work as a solo artist, Bush has always pushed the boundaries of traditional bluegrass, incorporating elements of rock, jazz and even reggae into his music.

Fans of bluegrass and acoustic music can't miss the opportunity to see Sam Bush perform live. His concerts are always high-energy affairs, with Bush and his bandmates delivering lightning-fast instrumentals and soulful vocal harmonies. Whether he's playing classics like "Old Joe Clark" or original tunes like "Howlin' at the Moon," Bush's music is sure to leave audiences spellbound. With his easygoing stage presence and witty banter between songs, Bush makes every show feel like a special occasion.

His extensive discography includes solo albums, collaborations with other musicians, and live recordings, each showcasing a different facet of his talent. And with his ongoing commitment to pushing the boundaries of bluegrass and acoustic music, there's no telling where Sam Bush's music will take him next. Whether you're a longtime fan or a newcomer to the genre, Sam Bush is a musician that deserves your attention.

Black Opry Revue

at The Colonial Theatre

Saturday, November 4 at 7:30pm

Tickets: \$30



Country music has been made by and loved by Black people since its conception. For just as long, Black artists have been overlooked and disregarded in the genre by fans and executives. Black Opry wants to change that and invites all audiences to discover, support and enjoy the Black artists that make magic in this space. One of the most valuable aspects of country music is its versatility and diversity in sound. Country, blues, folk and Americana music often overlap or weave together; these artists explore all of those sounds and intersections. The Black Opry Revue showcases the diversity in sound and stories that Black artists offer to these genres

The lineup includes Chris Walton, Jeiris Cook, Roberta Lea and Aisha Burns.

“Black Opry has grown beyond its blog origins to be a force of change and a leader in the movement to bring racial equity to country music.”

-Rolling Stone

Concerts at The Colonial **At The Colonial Theatre in Pittsfield**

Diego Mongue Band

at On-Stage at The Colonial Theatre

Thursday, October 12 at 7:30pm

Tickets: \$35 General Admission



Introducing the Diego Mongue Band—a musical masterpiece curated by the versatile multi-instrumentalist composer, Diego Mongue. Based in the heart of Berkshire County, MA, this band has taken the regional music scene by storm. Earning resounding praise and securing victory at the prestigious Capitol Region Blues Network's regional International Blues Challenge (IBC) competition, they've earned the golden ticket to the IBCs in Memphis, TN this upcoming January 2024. With a trailblazing twist on the blues genre, the Diego Mongue Band defies conventions, captivating even the most entrenched blues enthusiasts. Brace yourself for an unforgettable experience and seize the chance to witness their brilliance live on stage!

BAND MEMBERS:

Diego Mongue (Drums/Bass)

Chantell McFarland (Vocals)

Chase Bradshaw (Bass/Guitar)

Cameron Bencivenga (Guitar/Drums)

The Olivia Show: A Tribute to Olivia Newton-John

at The Colonial Theatre

Sunday, October 15 at 2pm

Tickets: \$30



Celebrating the magic, music and memory of Olivia Newton-John, *The Olivia Show* pays homage to her amazing career in music. An exciting musical journey filled with nostalgia and including live vocals, powerful musicianship, amazing costumes and chart topping hits and an exciting *Grease* sing-along. Audiences will experience all of Olivia Newton-John's award winning hits. To top it off, the band calls on all Pink Ladies and T-Birds to help them sing-along to all their favorite *Grease* hits! Audiences will experience all of Olivia Newton-John's award winning hits. Sing until you lose your voice, dance like nobody's watching, and relive your glory days.

Dancing Dream: The Music of ABBA

at The Colonial Theatre

Friday, October 20 at 7:30pm

Tickets: \$30



"You can dance, you can jive, having the time of your life!" Dancing Dream: A Tribute to ABBA plays the music of the legendary Swedish pop group for one-night-only! The band electrifies audiences with the Swedish super group's best hits, including "Mamma Mia," "Dancing Queen," "Take a Chance," "Fernando" and many more. These seasoned musicians and talented lead singers will take audiences on a nostalgic trip back to the glitz and glamor of the 1970s with beautiful harmonies, elaborate costumes and exciting choreography.

Don't miss this opportunity to slip on your platforms and sing along to your favorite ABBA songs performed by Dancing Dream. Every show is one to be remembered!

Guinevere

A Female Tribute to Crosby, Stills & Nash

at The Colonial Theatre

Friday, November 17 at 7:30pm

Tickets: \$30



Experience the timeless music of Crosby, Stills & Nash like never before with Guinevere, a female tribute that captures the essence of this iconic '60's and '70s group. With their stunning harmonies, soulful melodies and captivating live performances, Guinevere brings a fresh and vibrant energy to classic hits like "Suite: Judy Blue Eyes," "Teach Your Children," and "Love the One You're With."

This talented group of musicians delivers a dynamic and unforgettable show, showcasing their undeniable chemistry and raw talent with each and every song. With their unique take on these beloved classics, Guinevere offers a fresh perspective on the music that defined a generation. Whether you're a lifelong fan of Crosby, Stills & Nash or simply love great music, Guinevere is a band that is sure to leave you feeling inspired and uplifted.

So come and experience the magic of Guinevere, A Female Tribute to Crosby, Stills & Nash. With their incredible harmonies, powerful music and captivating stage presence, they are a band that is not to be missed. Join us for an unforgettable night of music and memories as we relive the glory days of the '60's and '70s.

ABOUT GUINEVERE

Chrissy Gardner

Chrissy Gardner is a singer, songwriter and pianist. Her original music ranges from the whimsy of the 1920s to the rock anthems of the 1970s with a classical and often intimate twist and her voice echoes Natalie Merchant with a strong dose of Janis Joplin. For the past 20 years, she has performed hundreds of gigs in piano bars, pubs and concert halls across Chicagoland and New England. She has recorded two original albums, *Alabaster Room* (2009) and *Waxwing*

(2016) featuring world renowned musicians Tony Levin, Joe Vitale, Pete Huttlinger, Abigail Zsiga, Professor John and Peter Stroud.

Lee-Ann Lovelace

Lee-Ann Lovelace has been a professional singer and songwriter since late 2004. As soon as she joined her first band, she hit the ground running and has become known as one of the busiest and most in-demand singers/collaborators in Connecticut. Though you can feel the soul and power of her voice on recordings of a wide variety of genres, there is nothing like experiencing the energy and soul she gives when you are in the same room.

Beth Rose

Beth Rose has over 30 years of experience in the music industry. Born and raised in the Berkshires, Beth has been passionate about music since a young age and loves singing a wide range of genres, including jazz, R&B and folk. Over the years, Beth has performed in various venues, from small clubs to large concert halls. In addition to her live performances, Beth has also recorded as a featured singer and backing vocalist on numerous productions.

The Band

Guinevere's backing band is an all-star collective featuring Dave Brown, Ben Kohn, Garrett Lechowski, Conor Meehan, Brian O'Connell and Dave Vittone.

Benefit Concert for Berkshire Immigrant Center, The West Stockbridge Historical Society and Berkshire Theatre Group

Felipe Salles' The New Immigrant Experience Concert A Fundraiser for Berkshire Immigrant Center, The West Stockbridge Historical Society and Berkshire Theatre Group

at The Colonial Theatre

Saturday, October 21 at 7:30pm

Tickets: \$75



The New Immigrant Experience, the remarkable release by composer Felipe Salles, is a powerful multimedia work inspired by the lives of “Dreamers,” the almost 700,000 individuals currently protected by DACA, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. Written by Salles who emigrated from Brazil to the United States in 1995 and developed with the aid of a John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation fellowship, the work uses speech cadences and melodic motifs based on key words as its main source of musical material. The compelling and personal stories this work tells were collected through interviews Salles conducted with a group of nine “Dreamers” during the summer of 2018. It’s an emotional musical journey through beautiful orchestral textures, carefully developed motifs and intense solo features, that combine the power of a big band recording and the dramatic landscape of a soundtrack. *The New Immigrant Experience* is the perfect vehicle to contribute to the discussion regarding the place and value of immigrants in America during these turbulent political times.

The West Stockbridge Historical Society is partnering with the Berkshire Immigrant Center and the Berkshire Theatre Group to bring *The New Immigrant Experience*, performed with a full 18-piece ensemble, to Berkshire County. Proceeds from the event will also benefit each of the hosting organizations. This performance is more than a music concert that touches on one of the most politically fraught issues of our time; it is a chance to celebrate and shine a spotlight on the positive contributions that the Berkshire immigrant community makes to enhancing the quality of life in the county. There are over 10,000 immigrants living in Berkshire County. In countless and often unseen and undervalued ways, the Berkshire immigrant community makes a significant contribution to improving the quality of life for all of us. The money raised through concert ticket sales, sponsor donations, and local business ad sales, will provide the funding that ensures the local immigrant population can participate in the evening’s festivities.

About Felipe Salles

A native of São Paulo, Brazil, Felipe Salles has been an active musician in the US since 1995, where he has worked and recorded with prominent jazz artists, including Randy Brecker, Paquito D'Rivera, David Liebman, Melissa Aldana, Lionel Loueke, Jerry Bergonzi, Chico Pinheiro, Magos Herrera, Sofia Rei, Yosvany Terry, Jovino Santos Neto, Oscar Stagnaro, Luciana Souza and Bob Moses. He has toured extensively in Europe, North and South America, India and Australia, as a sideman and as a leader of his own group.

His arrangements and compositions have been performed by some of the top groups in the world including The Metropole Orchestra, UMO Helsinki Jazz Orchestra, Cayuga Chamber Orchestra, Amazonas Band, Helsinki Philharmonic Violas, Meta4 String Quartet, Manhattan School of Music Jazz Orchestra, Manhattan School of Music Jazz Philharmonic Orchestra, New England Conservatory Jazz Orchestra and New England Conservatory Wind Ensemble, among others.

One-Night Only Film Presentations

The Rocky Horror Picture Show
Hosted By Drag Queen Nancy Nogood
at The Colonial Theatre
Saturday, October 28 at 9pm
Tickets: \$25



"Let's do the Time Warp again!" **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** is the screamingly funny, sinfully twisted salute to sci-fi, horror, B-movies and rock music, all rolled into one deliciously decadent morsel.

In this cult film to end all cult films, sweethearts Brad and Janet, stuck with a flat tire during a downpour, discover the eerie mansion of Dr. Frank-N-Furter, a transvestite scientist. As their innocence is lost, Brad and Janet meet a houseful of wild characters, including a rocking biker and the creepy butler Riff-Raff. Through elaborate dance numbers and rock songs, Frank-N-Furter unveils his latest creation: a man named "Rocky."

The Rocky Horror Picture Show is renowned for its audience participation roles at different times and scenes during the film. There will be Colonial Theatre appropriate props available for purchase online or at the venue the night of the show (\$8 in advance, \$11 at the door). To encourage the safety and enjoyment of the film by all in attendance, any bags brought to the theater could be subjected to a search for inappropriate/non-allowable items. [Click here](#) for more information about the props kit and what items are allowed.

Arrive early for a meet and greet and photo op with Nancy Nogood. Then the evening begins with a pre-show performance and introduction by Nancy Nogood including an interactive props tutorial. Stay after the film to meet Nancy Nogood and enjoy music and The Garage bar until 12:30am. Costumes are not obligatory but highly recommended!

So take that jump to the left and a step to the right and get ready to have the night of your life!

Warren Miller's All Time

at The Colonial Theatre

Thursday, November 16 at 7pm

Tickets: \$20



Narrated by Jonny Moseley, this film features deep dives into the elements that Warren himself first identified as the stuff of which snowy dreams are made.

From the birth of ski towns like Sun Valley and Aspen; to the icons and innovators, like the original hotdoggers, the film spins through the years like snow ghosts, bringing humor and inspiration from today, including Maine's finest athlete, Donny Pelletier, to the park scene at Woodward Park City and the next generation of skiers and riders.

Less a documentary than a love letter, it's a way to honor how, where and with whom we've made ski and snowboard movies since Warren first picked up a camera in 1949.

This is not a trip down memory lane; it's an exploration of how snow sports have burrowed into our collective consciousness as an obsession and a way of life.

Warren Miller ski and snowboard films have served as the annual start to winter for skiers and snowboarders across the globe for nearly 75 years and is a party that can't be contained by a single film or even a single year. Join us for the next two years as Warren Miller celebrates 75 seasons on snow starting with *All Time*.

Full Event Calendar of Events (in Calendar Order)

Copenhagen at The Unicorn Theatre • Now through Sunday, October 29 • Tickets: \$52

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A Christmas Carol at The Unicorn Theatre • Thursday, December 7 through Saturday, December 23 • Tickets: Adult: \$56, Child (16 and under): \$30

Mutts Gone Nuts: Santa Paws at The Colonial Theatre • Sunday, December 10 at 2pm • Tickets: Adult: \$30, Child (16 and Under): \$15

Second Annual Come Home for The Holidays: A Colonial Family Concert Featuring Members of The Berkshire Music Community hosted by The BTG Youth Chorus at The Colonial Theatre • Sunday, December 17 at 2pm • Tickets: Adult: \$30, Child (16 and Under): \$15

The Wizards of Winter at The Colonial Theatre • Friday, December 22 at 7:30pm • Tickets: Adult: \$59

New Year's Eve with Max Creek at The Colonial Theatre • Sunday, December 31 at 8pm • Tickets: Advanced: \$34, Day of Show: \$39

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Safety Protocols

For safety protocols, please visit BTG's COVID-19 information page:

www.berkshiretheatregroup.org/covid-19-information/

About Berkshire Theatre Group

The Colonial Theatre, founded in 1903, and Berkshire Theatre Festival, founded in 1928, are two historic 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 10,000 school children annually in Berkshire County and beyond. In July 2020, Berkshire Theatre was the first company in the United States to earn approval from Actors' Equity Association to produce a musical (*Godspell*) in the wake of the COVID-19 Pandemic.