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Annually, we are meeting over 50,000 patrons, we are providing work for more than 500 dedicated artists and cultural employees, we are dedicated to enriching the lives of 10,000 area students through arts in education programs. We know we better our community through our efforts. Our doors are open wide to all of our citizens. But at this time, perhaps like no other we have known, arts organizations like ours are struggling. As we were determined to produce and lift spirits with our production of *Godspell* in August 2020 during some of our darkest days, we know we will find our way to mark 100 years of producing theatre at our Festival in Stockbridge and 125 years of performance at the Colonial in Pittsfield in 2028.

We are not alone, we open our doors to collaborate and provide umbrella resources to over 50 partners and organizations in the area. We recognize the responsibility that comes with our history and because of the investments that have been made to our endeavors and facilities.

We need your support. Please join us in our audience, as donors, as full participants in Berkshire Theatre Group! Our promise is to continue to enrich lives by being a cultural center committed to transformation to meet this new world!

Sincerely,

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Berkshire Theatre Group's performance of *The Knight at Dawn, a Magic Tree House Adventure* at Muddy Brook Regional Elementary School, 2023. Photo by Allison Rachele Bayles.

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BTG PLAYS! Impact

BTG PLAYS! Year-Round Education Program serves approximately 10,000 school children in over 27 schools across 17 towns.

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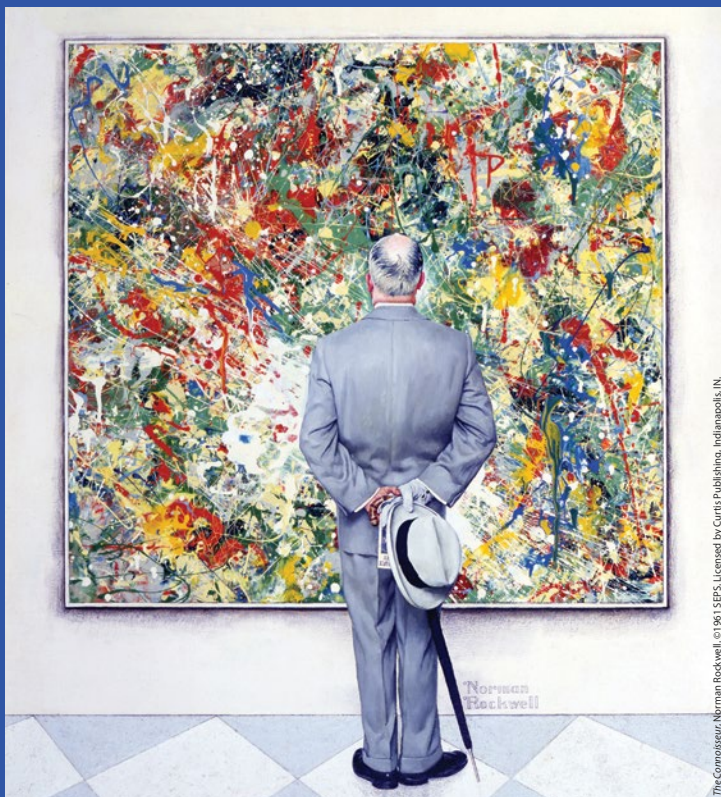
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Bobbie Hallig

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Bobbie Hallig, Photo by John Trimarchi

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Emma Geer and Nomè SiDone in *Dracula*, 2022. Photo by Emma K. Rothenberg-Ware.

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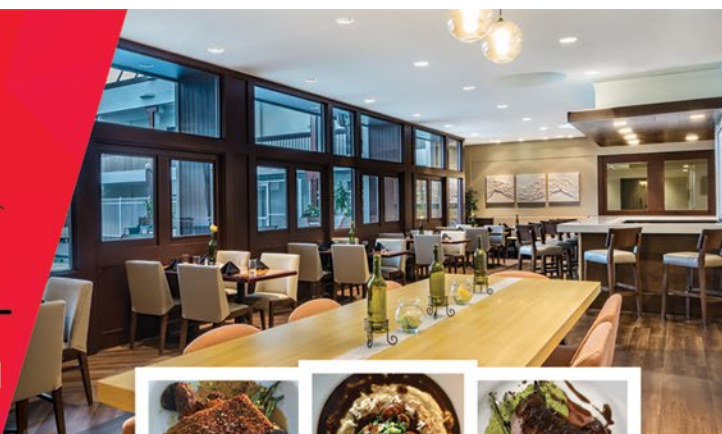


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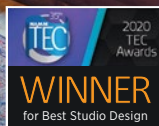


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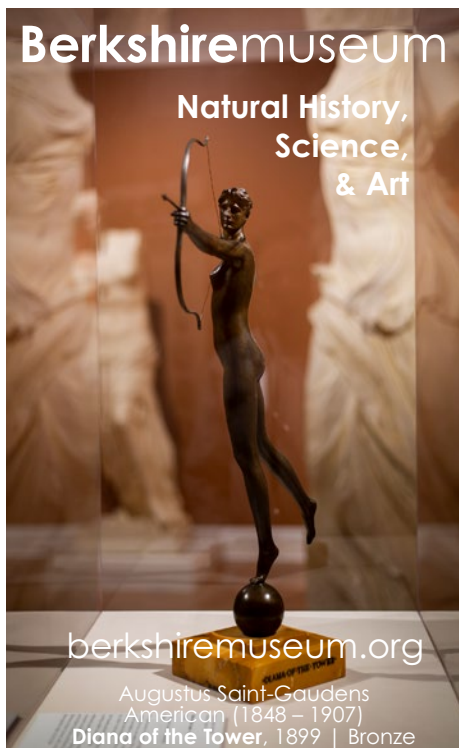


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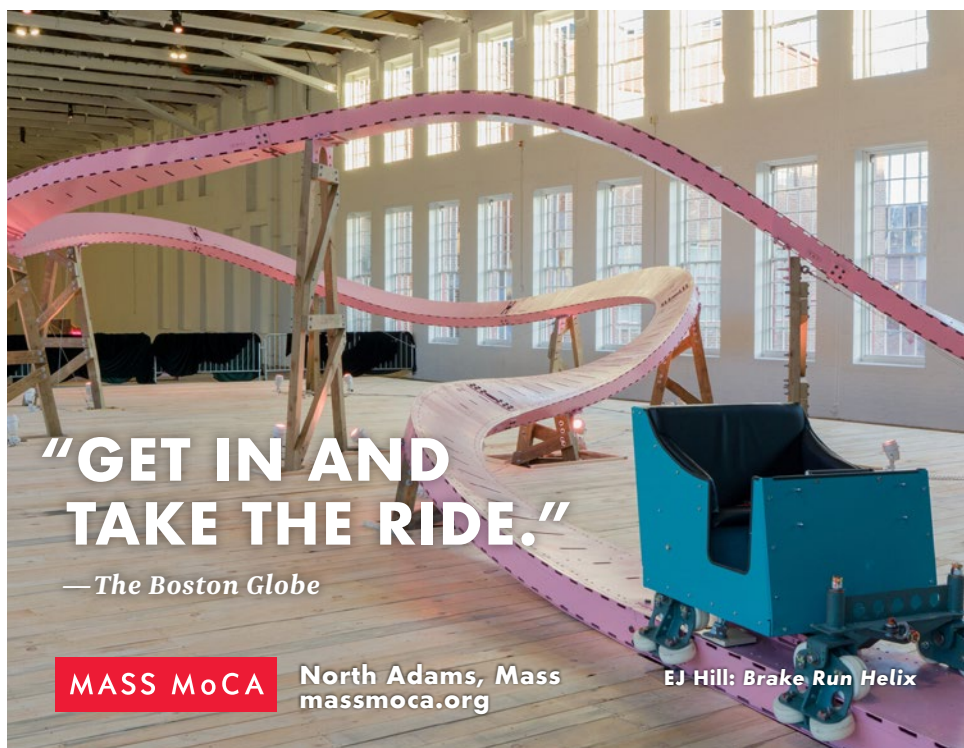


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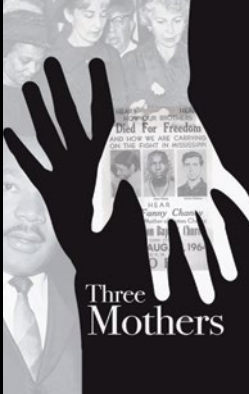
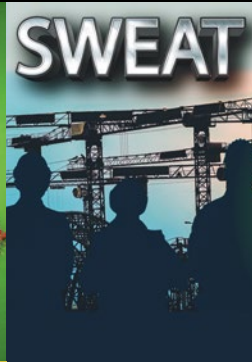
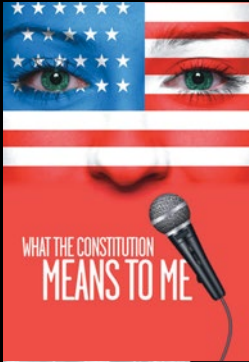
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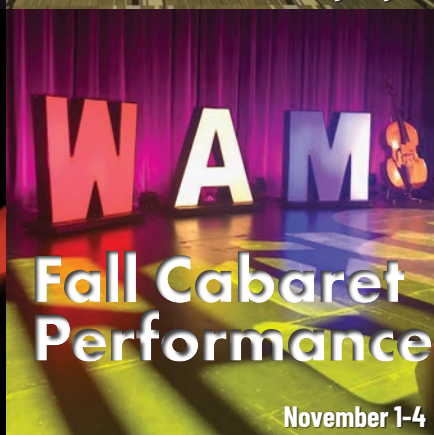
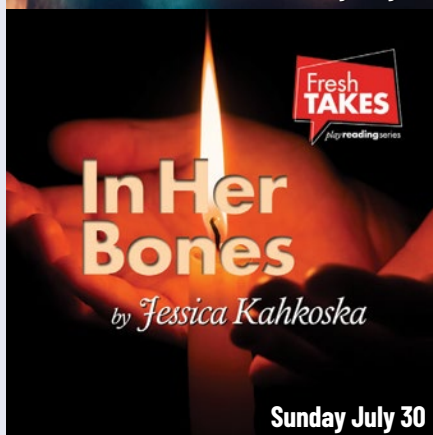
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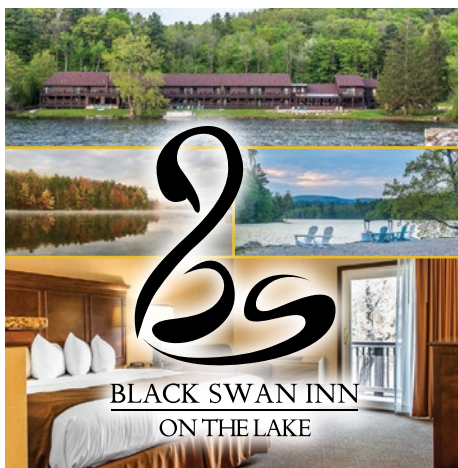


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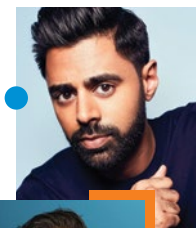
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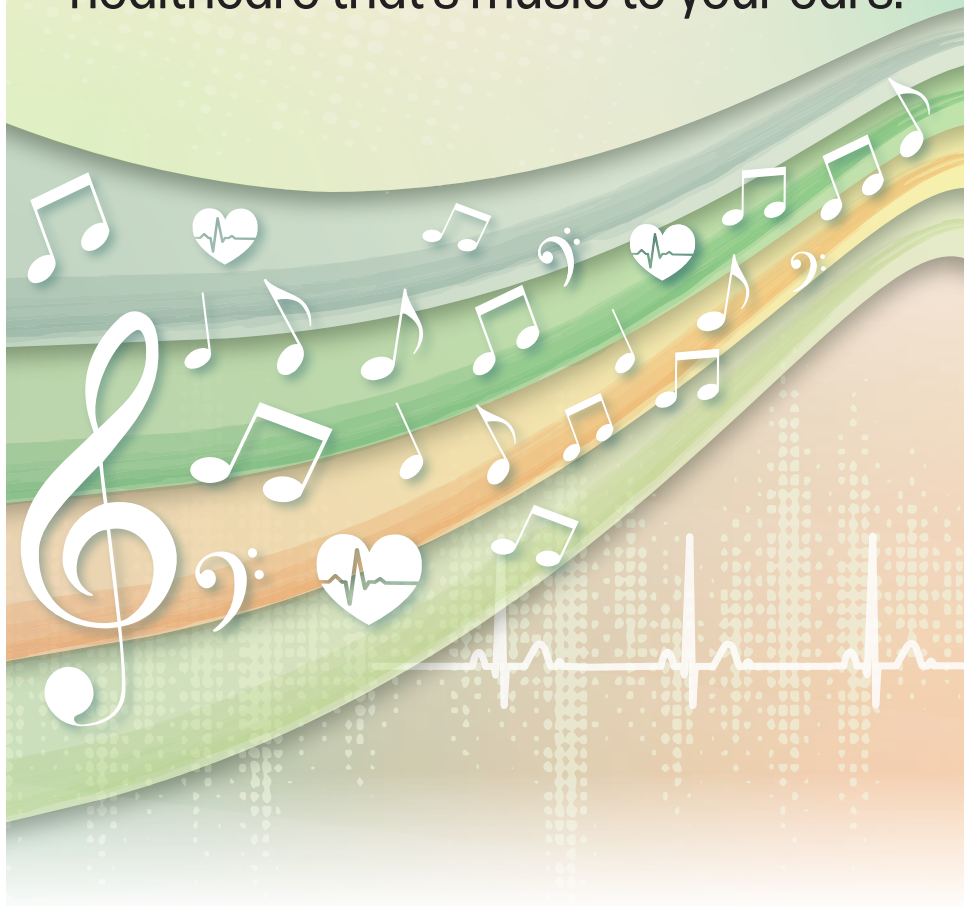
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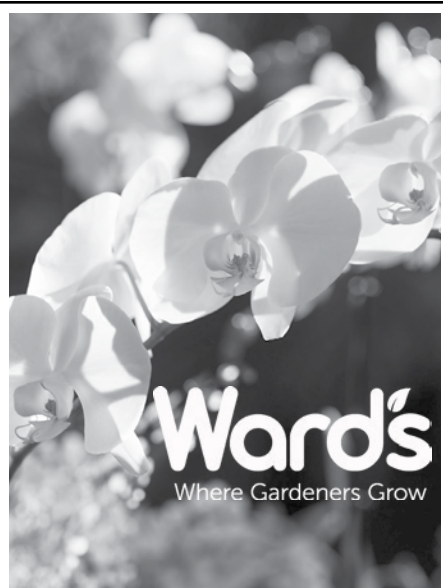
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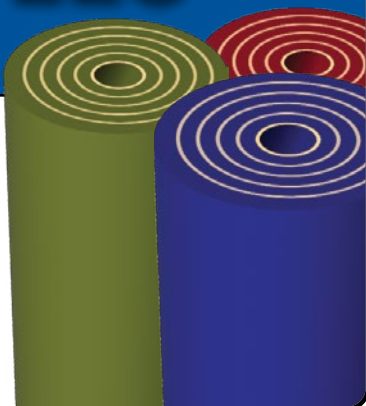


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Top: Berkshire Theatre Group's performance of *The Knight at Dawn*, a *Magic Tree House Adventure* at Muddy Brook Regional Elementary School, 2023. Photo by Allison Rachele Bayles. Left: Will Osborne, Mary Pope Osborne and Randy Courts meet the cast of *The Knight at Dawn*, a *Magic Tree House Adventure* at The Colonial Theatre, 2023. Photo by Allison Rachele Bayles. Right: Mary Pope Osborne, Will Osborne and Randy Courts signing books at The Colonial Theatre, 2023. Photo by Amber Hancock Mahoney.

