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For Immediate Release, Please:

**Berkshire Theatre Group Announces Audition Call
for Actors in a Non-Equity Touring Show production of
Magic Tree House Pirates Past Noon KIDS
Monday, August 19, 2024 at 5pm at The Colonial Theatre**

Pittsfield, MA—Berkshire Theatre Group seeks young actors to audition for its upcoming non-Equity touring show production of the *Magic Tree House: Pirates Past Noon KIDS* for the 2024-2025 school year.

Roles are open to young actors of all ethnicities and genders enrolled in middle school, high school, and local colleges ages 13 and up. Actors should come prepared to read excerpts from the play as provided by the director and learn a song from the show. Callbacks will take place the same evening. Rehearsals will begin in mid-September and occur after school, evenings, and weekends. All rehearsals will take place in Pittsfield, MA. Performance dates start in October and run through early June with up to two performances a week during the school day every other Friday, some weekends, school vacations, and evenings. Brush up rehearsals will occur throughout the run.

The musical is based on the *Magic Tree House Book # 4 Pirates Past Noon* written by Mary Pope Osborne with book by Will Osborne and Jenny Laird, lyrics by Will Osborne and Randy Courts and music by Randy Courts. The play is co-directed by David Adkins and Kathy Jo Grover with musical direction by Erin M. White and choreography by Kathy Jo Grover.

All auditions will take place at:

The Colonial Theatre located at 111 South Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201.

Appointments and pre-registration are necessary to audition.

To schedule an audition time slot or for further information, please email Allison Rachele Bayles, Director of Education at allison@berkshiretheatre.org.

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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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 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 11,000 Berkshire County school children annually. 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.