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**Berkshire Theatre Group Announces
4th Annual David Grover Scholarship Event
at Balderdash Cellars
to Benefit BTG PLAYS! Education Programs**

Pittsfield, MA — Berkshire Theatre Group (BTG) and Artistic Director, CEO Kate Maguire invite the community to celebrate the life and legacy of beloved Berkshire musician and educator David Grover at the Fourth Annual David Grover Scholarship Event, *Here We Go Round Again*. This special evening of music and community will take place on **Thursday, July 9 at 5:30pm at Balderdash Cellars (81 State Road, Richmond, MA)** and will raise funds for BTG PLAYS! year-round education programs and summer camp, helping ensure young people across the region continue to have access to the arts.

The evening will feature performances by acclaimed singer and guitarist Michael Fabrizio and Broadway performer and BTG alum Mike Wartella. Kathy Jo Grover, David's wife, will share memories and join her son Mike in song as part of this heartfelt tribute. The BTG Youth Chorus

will also perform, showcasing talented young artists from BTG's education programs. Guests can enjoy a variety of offerings from the Flavorful Bites Food Truck throughout the evening.

As families begin planning their summer activities, the David Grover Scholarship Fund helps ensure that young people can explore the arts alongside their other interests—making theatre and creative expression accessible to all.

“If you're sending your son or daughter to a sports camp this summer and you're searching for an additional camp, please consider sending them to theater camp. Nothing is more harmonious than sports and the arts. The David Grover Scholarship Fund supports this effort to blend students' interests for the best possible outcome,” said Kathy Fabrizio, Vice President of BTG's Board of Trustees and one of the event's chairpersons.

This philosophy reflects BTG's broader commitment to providing meaningful, inclusive arts education opportunities for young people across the Berkshires.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the David Grover Scholarship Fund, which helps provide access to BTG's education and training programs for young people in the community. **Tickets are \$40 in advance and \$45 at the door (limited availability).**

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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. Each year, BTG produces and presents performances to over 68,000 attendees and, through its Education Program, serves over 10,000 Berkshire County school children annually. BTG is proud to offer the only approved curriculum-based theatre educational programming of its kind in the region, integrating the arts directly into classroom learning and enriching students' academic and creative development.

In July 2020, Berkshire Theatre Group 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.

In 2028, Berkshire Theatre Group will celebrate 100 years of theatre.