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Berkshire Theatre Group Highlights May Performances

**A lively lineup of music and celebration to kick off
the summer season in the Berkshires.**

Pittsfield, MA—Berkshire Theatre Group (BTG) and Artistic Director and CEO Kate Maguire invite audiences to its stages this May for a vibrant series of performances celebrating music, storytelling and shared experiences that usher in the summer season in the Berkshires. Alongside concerts and tributes at The Colonial Theatre, the month also features a special benefit event, *An Enchanted Evening Celebrating Magic Tree House*, as well as *John & Jen* at The Unicorn Theatre, highlighting BTG's education programs and commitment to artist-driven storytelling.

"As the Berkshires come alive in the spring, we're excited to welcome audiences to our stages for performances that feel joyful, familiar and shared," said Kate Maguire. "These shows are a wonderful way to step into the summer season—coming together through music, memory and live performance."

Headshots and production images are available [here](#).

National Performing Act

The Lovin' Spoonful

Saturday, May 9 at 7:30pm

Relive the soundtrack of the 1960s with The Lovin' Spoonful, whose string of Billboard Top 10 hits helped define an era. Featuring classics like "Do You Believe in Magic," "Daydream" and "Summer in the City," the band returns to the stage with the signature sound, harmonies and storytelling that made them a lasting force in American pop music.

Concerts at The Colonial

I'm Going to Graceland

Rev Tor & Friends Celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Paul Simon's Graceland

Friday, May 1 at 7:30pm

Rev Tor & Friends perform Paul Simon's landmark album *Graceland* in its entirety, celebrating its global musical influences and enduring cultural impact, along with select songs from Simon's catalog.

Dancing Dream: The Music of ABBA

Saturday, May 16 at 7:30pm

Back by popular demand, this high-energy tribute brings ABBA's greatest hits to life with vibrant vocals, choreography and all the joy of the golden age of pop.

Yacht Lobsters

Saturday, May 30 at 7:30pm

Yacht Lobsters return with a smooth, feel-good night of '70s and '80s soft rock, capturing the laid-back sound of artists like Steely Dan, Hall & Oates and Toto.

Special Event at the Colonial

An Enchanted Evening Celebrating Magic Tree House

Saturday, May 23

An evening inspired by the beloved *Magic Tree House* series by Mary Pope Osborne, this festive benefit celebrates storytelling and supports BTG's theatre education programs. The program features musical performances inspired by the series, appearances by BTG education participants and a celebration of the Osbornes' lasting impact on generations of young readers.

Proceeds support BTG's year-round education initiatives, which serve more than 10,000 students across the region.

At The Unicorn Theatre in Stockbridge

John & Jen

Directed by Gregg Edelman

Music Direction by Nicolas Perez

Previews: Wednesday, May 20 at 7pm and Thursday, May 21 at 7pm

Opening/Press Night: Friday, May 22 at 7pm

Runs through June 7

An intimate, two-person musical by Andrew Lippa and Tom Greenwald, *John & Jen* traces the evolving bond between siblings—and later between mother and son—across three decades. Directed by Tony Award nominee Gregg Edelman and featuring Jake Bentley Young as John and Samantha Gershman as Jen, the production brings emotional clarity and musical depth to this deeply personal story of family, memory and enduring connection.

Ticket Information

Tickets for all performances are on sale now. All plays, schedules, casting and prices are subject to change. To purchase tickets, visit www.berkshiretheatregroup.org or contact the Box Office at 413-997-4444.

The box office is open Tuesday through Saturday from 12pm to 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.

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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.