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**Karen Allen and David Garrison
to Lead *Lovesong* at Berkshire Theatre Group
Acclaimed stage and screen actors headline Abi Morgan's
poignant and imaginative drama at The Unicorn Theatre**

Pittsfield, MA—Spanning decades of love, memory and companionship, *Lovesong* is a tender, funny and deeply moving portrait of a marriage across time. Berkshire Theatre Group's upcoming production will feature acclaimed actors Karen Allen and David Garrison, joined by BTG favorites Rebecca Brooksher and Shawn Fagan, under the direction of Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright and longtime BTG collaborator David Auburn at The Unicorn Theatre.

Written by acclaimed British playwright and screenwriter Abi Morgan, *Lovesong* moves fluidly between past and present as one couple reflects on the choices, joys and heartbreaks that shape a lifetime together. Blending memory, imagination and reality, the play explores the enduring power of love and the fragile beauty of growing older together.

Previews begin Wednesday, July 22 at 7pm and Thursday, July 23 at 7pm, with Opening/Press Night on Friday, July 24 at 7pm. The production closes Sunday, August 23 at 2pm.



“Karen Allen and David Garrison bring extraordinary warmth, intelligence and emotional depth to this beautiful play,” said BTG Artistic Director & CEO Kate Maguire. “Combined with Rebecca Brooksher and Shawn Fagan—two artists with deep roots at BTG—this cast brings an incredible level of heart, humor and humanity to *Lovesong*. I know audiences will be deeply moved by this remarkable story.”

Karen Allen is widely recognized for her celebrated film career, including *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*, *Starman* and *Animal House*. A longtime favorite of Berkshire audiences, Allen first traveled to the Berkshires in 1981 to portray Gittel in *Two for the Seesaw* at Berkshire Theatre Festival. In more recent years, she has returned to direct productions of *Moonchildren*, *Extremities*, *Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune* and *Outside Mullingar*.

David Garrison is best known to television audiences for his role as Steve Rhoades on *Married... with Children* and has enjoyed a distinguished Broadway and regional theatre career. BTG audiences may remember him from the company’s world premiere production of *Coming Back Like a Song*, in which he portrayed Irving Berlin.

Joining Allen and Garrison are Rebecca Brooksher and Shawn Fagan, both familiar faces to BTG audiences and longtime collaborators of director David Auburn. Brooksher and Fagan

have appeared in numerous Auburn-directed productions at BTG, including *The Importance of Being Earnest*, *Photograph 51* and *Abe Lincoln in Illinois*, creating a meaningful artistic throughline that continues with *Lovesong*.

Abi Morgan is the writer of numerous acclaimed works for stage and screen, including *The Iron Lady*, *Suffragette* and *The Hour*. *Lovesong* premiered in the United Kingdom through Frantic Assembly and has been praised for its lyrical storytelling and emotional resonance.

For more information, visit berkshiretheatregroup.org.

Headshots are available [here](#).

Additional casting and creative team information available upon request.

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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.