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MISSION

Berkshire Theatre Group's mission is to support wide ranging artistic exploration and acclaimed performances in theatre, dance, music and entertainment. Berkshire Theatre Group's celebrated four stages reflect the history of the American theatre; they represent a priceless cultural resource for the community. Our vision is to be a center for creative work that enriches, educates, invigorates and transforms artists and audiences.

HUMANITIES EXPERTISE

One of the largest and most exciting arts organizations in the area, BTG oversees the development, production and presentation of theatre, music and the performing arts. In 2010 Berkshire Theatre Festival and The Colonial Theatre merged to create Berkshire Theatre Group. As Kate Maguire, Artistic Director, CEO, said "Berkshire Theatre Festival and The Colonial share the distinction of having provided an artistic home for the Lunts and the Barrymores; each are registered as National Historic Landmarks. The combined stories of these theatres provide a mirror of insight to the American Theatre—indeed they represent the strength of the American story and capture the essence of our understanding that the arts provide doorways to growth and windows to all that lies in the human heart."

CONTACT

HUMANITIES RESOURCES & PROJECTS

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- After School Programming: BTG PLAYS! After School, allows students with a variety of learning styles to discover the fundamentals of theatre production, acting, and storytelling while exploring a classic myth or fairy tale. The programs are intended to be a hands-on kinesthetic learning experience that celebrates each young person and the uniqueness of his/her artistic voice. BTG PLAYS! After School programming is offered on-site at school locations. Many of BTG's current programs include working with students at-risk.
- o School Residency Program: Through a 14-week creative and collaborative process, students will develop and write their own original one act plays. BTG PLAYS! is designed to enable students with a variety of learning styles to grasp the fundamentals of playwriting by using improvisation as the primary teaching tool to communicate concepts of theatre, literature, writing, and playwriting contained in our student study guide, which is distributed to each student.
- Performing Arts for Schools: The Performing Arts for Schools series is intended for school-aged children and programs are chosen to complement the curriculum in each grade level.
- School Vacation and Summer Camps: Summertime classes are offered during the summer vacation months and held at the Berkshire Theatre Festival campus in Stockbridge, MA, or The Colonial Theatre in Pittsfield, MA. Each one week session culminates in a final performance.

EVENTS

* Theatre, Music, Comedy, and Special Events are listed online.

RESOURCES

o <u>BTG Youth Advisory Board</u>: Established in 2010, the Board which features high school students from across the county, meets periodically to discuss upcoming events, makes suggestions for artists of interest to young audiences and assists with activities at the theatres including distribution of information, creation of videos and social media networking.