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Mahaiwe Presents Free Fun Friday on August 12

Great Barrington, Mass.— Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center will present Free Fun Friday, sponsored by the Highland Street Foundation, on Friday, August 12 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. “We are eagerly looking forward to celebrating our fourth Free Fun Friday with the community! Music, *Mary Poppins*, and kids activities will take place all over the Mahaiwe all day for a rousing day of fun,” said Mahaiwe Executive Director Beryl Jolly.”

Beloved Berkshire entertainer David Grover and Grover’s Gang will celebrate family favorite songs with a concert at 10:00am. Grover, former lead guitarist for Arlo Guthrie, uses his songs to teach children about the important things in life, such as holidays with family, planet preservation, and respecting one another.

At 1:00pm, the Mahaiwe will screen *Mary Poppins* (1964). Julie Andrews and Dick Van Dyke star in this family classic film, which blends magic, music, animation, and live action in a feel-good spectacle for all. Free Fun Friday audience members will be encouraged to sing along to the irresistible soundtrack, including songs such as “A Spoonful of Sugar” and “Chim Chim Cher-ee.”

In addition, there will be face painting, chalk painting, and arts and crafts in the theater, as well some pop-up surprises throughout the day.

Admission is free to all Free Fun Friday activities. The Mahaiwe is located at 14 Castle Street in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. For more information, see www.mahaiwe.org or call 413.528.0100.

About the Mahaiwe

Located in downtown Great Barrington, Massachusetts, the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center is the year-round presenter of world-class music, dance, theater, classic films, Live in HD broadcasts, and arts education programs for the southern Berkshires and neighboring regions. The intimate jewel box of a theater opened in 1905. Since 2005, the performing arts center has hosted over 1,000 events and welcomed almost half a million people through its doors. The Mahaiwe has now welcomed over 15,000 students from 55 different schools for its school-time performances and residencies.