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Mahaiwe Announces Sweet Honey in the Rock and Savion Glover

Great Barrington, Mass.— The Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center will present a powerful concert by Sweet Honey in the Rock on Saturday, August 3 at 8:00pm and a performance by tap dance superstar Savion Glover with OUT'KNiGHTz on Sunday, August 11 at 7:00pm. Tickets (\$49 to \$89, plus \$15 tickets for everyone 30 and under) go on sale to Mahaiwe members on Wednesday, December 12 and to the general public on Friday, December 14.

“We’re thrilled to announce these two joyful summer shows, and to be presenting these artists at the Mahaiwe for the very first time,” says Mahaiwe Executive Director Beryl Jolly. “Sweet Honey in the Rock promises an uplifting and inspiring night of music, with their incredible voices resonating in our intimate space. One week later, the living legend Savion Glover will bring his unique, Tony Award-winning tap dancing skills to our historic stage. We expect both nights to sell out, and each one to be distinctly unforgettable.”

Sweet Honey in the Rock remains among the most vibrant, versatile and relevant musical collectives in music today; both as a performance ensemble and as an ambassadorial African American organization founded on the triumvirate missions of empowerment, education, and entertainment. The group currently consists of members Carol Maillard, Louise Robinson, Nitanju Bolade Casel, Aisha Kahlil, and featured musician Romeir Mendez on upright acoustic bass and electric bass. Sweet Honey in the Rock is a powerful and unique concert entity that fuses the elastic 360-degree possibilities of the

human voice with a theatrical flair that keeps avid audiences returning for more year after year. Kinetic, cultured, and connected, this internationally renowned Grammy Award-nominated female a cappella vocal quartet has a history of over four decades of distinguished service. They create positive, loving, and socially conscious message music that matters as it pertains to spiritual fortification, and they consistently take an activist stance toward making this planet a better place for all in which to live.

Tony Award-winning tap dancer and choreographer Savion Glover will present a new show created in collaboration with the percussion group, OUT'KNiGHTz, which features Jalin Shiver on horn and Malachi J. Lewis on drums. He made his Broadway debut at age 11 as *The Tap Dance Kid*, and continued with *Black and Blue*, *Jelly's Last Jam*, and his unprecedented award-winning *Bring in 'da Noise, Bring in 'da Funk*, which garnered him a Tony Award for Best Choreography. In addition to his extensive Broadway career as a performer and choreographer, he has created many tap repertoires that tour worldwide, including *Bare Soundz*, *Classical Savion*, *OM*, *STePz*, *Solo in Time*, *Sole Sanctuary*, *Improvography*, *Footnotes*, *Savion Glover's Holiday Spectacular*, and *Savion Glover's All FuNKD'Up, The Concert*. He has also enjoyed performing worldwide with jazz legends including McCoy Tyner, Roy Haynes, and Jack DeJohnette.

Glover's film credits include *Tap* (starring Gregory Hines and Sammy Davis, Jr.), Spike Lee's *Bamboozled*, George Miller's *Happy Feet* and *Happy Feet Two*, and he has appeared on television in commercials, such as *Free Style Nike*, as well as been a longstanding performer in *Sesame Street*. As a child, he was privileged to dance with and be guided by the great Bunny Briggs, Buster Brown, Lon Chaney, Gregory Hines, Sammy Davis, Jr., Jimmy Slyde, and Diane Walker, to name a few. Most recently, he was recognized for his award-winning choreography in the acclaimed Broadway musical, *Shuffle Along*, directed by George C. Wolfe. Glover currently serves as the 2018 Ambassador of Dance at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, as well as serving on the Board of Directors.

The Mahaiwe is located at 14 Castle Street in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. Box office hours are Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 4:00pm and three hours before show times. For tickets and 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 1,500 events and welcomed over half a million people through its doors. More than 20,000 students from 68 different schools have benefited from the Mahaiwe's school-time performances and residencies. The Mahaiwe receives generous support from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, Berkshire Bank, and the Barr Foundation and The Klarman Family Foundation through the Barr-Klarman Massachusetts Arts Initiative. For more information, see www.mahaiwe.org.

About the Berkshires

Less than three hours from New York City and Boston, the Berkshires offers culture and adventure year-round. The surrounding mountains provide plenty of opportunity for outdoor excursions in all seasons while world class culture and entertainment, along with a deeply rooted food culture and an array of lodging options amidst picturesque towns, set this region apart. For more information, visit berkshires.org.

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