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**Mahaiwe Presents Buddy Guy
Grammy-winning Bluesman to Perform July 11**

Great Barrington, Mass.— Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center will present blues pioneer Buddy Guy on Friday, July 11 at 8:00pm. “We have been working to bring Buddy Guy to Great Barrington for several years and I’m thrilled the opportunity has come to fruition,” said Mahaiwe Executive Director Beryl Jolly. “Also, Buddy is bringing blues wunderkind Quinn Sullivan as his opening act, which will be another special treat.”

Buddy Guy is a Rock and Roll Hall of Famer, a six-time Grammy winner, and Rolling Stone named him as one of the 100 greatest guitarists of all time. With nearly 50 years in the music industry, Guy continues to captivate audiences worldwide with his versatility and lively performances. Armed with more than 50 albums and recent recordings with next-generation stars such as Keith Urban and Gary Clark Jr., the Louisiana native has proved a true journeyman since the halcyon days of Chess Records. His long list of achievements includes dozens of awards, among them the Presidential National Medal of Arts and Kennedy Center Honors for lifetime contribution to American culture.

The bluesman recently released *Rhythm & Blues*—the first double-set album of his career. Produced by Grammy Award-winning producer/songwriter and longtime collaborator Tom Hambridge, *Rhythm & Blues* captures the 76 year-old Guy at the peak of his creativity. Replete with heartfelt vocals, straightforward lyrics, and mesmerizing guitar licks, this album not only exemplifies how blues continues to be the

foundation of all genres of today's music, it also illustrates why Guy has been influential in the careers of Eric Clapton, Jimi Hendrix, Jeff Beck, Stevie Ray Vaughan, and more.

Tickets are \$30 to \$105. The Mahaiwe is located at 14 Castle Street in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. Box office hours are Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 6:00pm and three hours before show times. A limited number of \$15 tickets are available for patrons ages 30 and younger through the Mahaiwe ArtSmart Tix program. 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 and has been in continuous operation for over 100 years. In 2005, the theater experienced a renaissance as a beautifully restored 681-seat venue to offer a broad range of cultural and community events. Today's "Mahaiwe Mix" of diverse, high quality programming strives to provide meaningful, memorable entertainment for all ages and interests.

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