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**Mahaiwe Presents The Four Tops  
August 3 Concert to Feature Local Horn Section**

Great Barrington, Mass.— Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center will present The Four Tops on Sunday, August 3 at 7:00pm. An all-star local horn section will back the Motown legends. “This promises to be one of those shows where the whole audience is on their feet dancing and singing along. I’m also happy that we’ll have another fabulous local horn section onstage, just as we did with the Temptations a year and a half ago,” said Mahaiwe Executive Director Beryl Jolly.

The Four Tops teamed up in high school in 1954 and become one of Motown’s most consistent hit makers. “Baby I Need Your Loving,” “I Can’t Help Myself (Sugar Pie, Honey Bunch),” “Reach Out (I’ll Be There),” and “Ain’t No Woman (Like the One I’ve Got),” are just some of their well-known hits. Their songs, soulful and bittersweet, were across-the-board successes. Between 1964 and 1988, the quartet made *Billboard*’s Hot 100 chart 45 times and its R&B chart 52 times. Twenty-four of their singles made the Top 40, and seven of those entered the Top 10. In 1990, the group was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

Duke Fakir, the quartet’s sole surviving member, has kept The Four Tops alive. In addition to him, the revamped lineup includes Theo Peoples (formerly of the Temptations), Lawrence Payton, Jr. (son of founding member Lawrence Payton), and Ronnie McNair (a Motown acquaintance). The group continues to be a hit in concert, touring continuously, a towering testament to the enduring legacy of the Motown Sound

they helped shape and define.

The evening's local horn section will include Jeff Stevens (trumpet and flugelhorn), Micah Maurio (trumpet), Alex Lee-Clark (trumpet and flugelhorn), Alfred Brewer (trombone), Don Mikkelsen (trombone), Charlie Tokarz (alto sax), Bruce Krasin (alto sax), Frank Newton (tenor sax), and Matt Schumer (baritone sax).

Tickets are \$35 to \$95. The Mahaiwe is located at 14 Castle Street in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. Box office hours are Tuesday 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, sponsored by Greylock Federal Credit Union. For tickets and information, see [www.mahaiwe.org](http://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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