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Mahaiwe Presents Pink Martini

Great Barrington, Mass.— Pink Martini will swing into the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center on Monday, July 13 at 8:00pm. The Portland, Oregon-based “little orchestra” offers a multilingual musical travelogue from samba in Rio to cabaret music in Paris. “As part of the Mahaiwe’s tenth anniversary season, we are presenting some of our audience members’ favorite artists and we’re thrilled to welcome back this delightful ensemble, led by Thomas Lauderdale and vocalist China Forbes. They packed the house in 2013, and are about to do so again!” said Mahaiwe Executive Director Beryl Jolly.

The group draws on diverse influences to weave a seamless musical fabric that defies immediate classification, but has been lauded by critics throughout the world for its international flavor and ability to entertain. First attaining recognition during the lounge music revival of the mid- and late-1990s as exemplified by such acts as the Cherry Poppin’ Daddies and bands of that ilk, Pink Martini sought a wider variety of styles, from Japanese torch songs to Maurice Ravel's “Bolero.”

According to the group's musical leader, Thomas Lauderdale, “Pink Martini is like a romantic Hollywood musical of the 1940s or 50s—but with a global perspective which is modern,” he wrote on the band’s official website. “We bring melodies and rhythms from different parts of the world together.” Pink Martini performs its repertoire on concert stages throughout Europe, Asia, Greece, Turkey, the Middle East, and Australia.

Berkshire Mountain Distillers will offer free sample tastings in the theater’s downstairs

promenade, before the show and during intermission, of a festive pink cocktail made with Berkshire Mountain Distillers Ice Glen Vodka and a juice mixture of fresh-pressed cranberry, Persian lime, and Valencia and Hamlin oranges made by RIPE Bar Juice, a Connecticut-based company.

Tickets

Tickets to Pink Martini are \$35 to \$100. In addition, A limited number of \$15 tickets are available for audience members ages 30 and younger through the Mahaiwe ArtSmart Tix program, sponsored by Greylock Federal Credit Union. 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. 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 1,000 events and welcomed almost half a million people through its doors. Its education program has served over 12,000 students from 35 different schools with school-time performances and residencies. The Mahaiwe generates in excess of \$1,000,000 in ticket revenue from 150 events each year, while contributing over \$4,000,000 in regional economic impact from the theater's direct spending and audience's restaurant, lodging, and shopping activities.