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**Mahaiwe Presents Paul Taylor Dance Company  
Engagement to feature school workshops**

Great Barrington, Mass.— Over Columbus Day weekend, the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center will celebrate its tenth consecutive season of presenting the Paul Taylor Dance Company on Saturday, October 7 at 8:00pm and Sunday, October 8 at 2:00pm. In conjunction with the engagement, the Mahaiwe’s education program will present workshops by Paul Taylor dancers for students from five Berkshire County schools on Thursday, October 5 and Friday, October 6.

“One of the seminal artists of our time, Paul Taylor continues to shape the homegrown American art of modern dance that he has helped define since becoming a professional dancer and pioneering choreographer in 1954,” says Mahaiwe Executive Director Beryl Jolly.

The program will include three pieces: Set to music by Richard Wagner and Heinrich Baermann, Paul Taylor’s *Roses* (1985) is a paean to love and relationships in various stages. Set to Vivaldi’s “The Four Seasons” recomposed by Max Richter, *Continuum* (2017) is an abstract work by Taylor alumna Lila York, commissioned through Taylor Company Commissions and made on the Taylor dancers, about finding peace in a hostile environment. Paul Taylor’s *Arden Court* (1981) is one of the exuberant dances from his highly acclaimed collection of works set to baroque music. Music by William Boyce accompanies this look at three kinds of relationships: supportive, competitive, and flirtatious.

In partnership with Jacob's Pillow Dance, Suzanne Carbonneau will offer brief pre-show talks one hour before each performance. Carbonneau is a dance scholar and Paul Taylor's biographer. Admission is free for performance ticket holders.

Veteran Paul Taylor Dance Company dancers Michael Trusnovec and James Samson will teach workshops for Muddy Brook Elementary School and Undermountain Elementary School third graders, Mount Everett Regional School and Berkshire School high school students, and Berkshire Pulse intermediate/advanced dance students. These workshops will offer insights into the athleticism and artistry for which the Paul Taylor Dance Company is known. "Students will experience the athleticism of dance, as well better understand the art form," says Jolly. In addition, workshop students will have access to \$5 tickets for the weekend performances.

Tickets for the general public are \$10 to \$65. 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](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. Since 2005, the performing arts center has hosted over 1,000 events and welcomed over half a million people through its doors. More than 18,000 students from 61 different schools have benefited from the Mahaiwe's school-time performances and residencies. For more information, see [www.mahaiwe.org](http://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](http://berkshires.org).