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Mahaiwe Announces Movies and London's National Theatre HD Broadcasts

Great Barrington, Mass.— The Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center announces its slate of upcoming films, plus broadcasts of four London's National Theatre in HD productions.

Tickets go on sale Friday, January 12 at 12 noon.

“We’re excited to develop more memorable experiences around our movie series,” says Mahaiwe Executive Director Beryl Jolly. “We’re partnering with Only in My Dreams Events to create movie-themed giveaways and other special touches to enrich each night.”

The classic movie schedule includes:

The Hustler (1961) on Thursday, January 25 at 7:00pm starring Paul Newman as up-and-coming pool player “Fast” Eddie Felson, who challenges long-time champion Minnesota Fats (played by Jackie Gleason) in a high-stakes match.

Groundhog Day (1993) on Thursday, February 1 at 7:00pm is a cult classic comedy starring Bill Murray as a weatherman who finds himself inexplicably living the same day over and over again.

Casablanca (1942) on Saturday, February 10 at 7:00pm is a perfect way to celebrate Valentine's Day weekend with one of the greatest romantic films of all time, starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman.

Selma (2014) on Thursday, February 15 at 7:00pm will be presented in honor of African American History Month. It chronicles Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s campaign to secure equal voting rights via an epic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, in 1965. Directed by Ava DuVernay, the film was nominated for the Best Picture Academy Award.

Alien (1979) on Thursday, March 1 at 7:00pm starring Sigourney Weaver in a close encounter of the third kind that becomes a Jaws-style nightmare when an alien invades a spacecraft in Ridley Scott's sci-fi horror classic.

A Night at the Opera (1935) on Thursday, March 15 at 7:00pm is the Marx Brothers' slapstick musical about high society. A sly business manager and two wacky friends of two opera singers help them achieve success while humiliating their stuffy and snobbish enemies.

Sponsored by Don Buchwald & Associates, tickets to Mahaiwe classic movies are \$8 (general admission) or \$10 for special movie-and-a-drink tickets, which include a drink at Castle Street Cafe the night of each screening. The theater is also now offering a Mahaiwe Movie Club package for \$55, which includes ten tickets. "The new club will allow people to buy ten tickets at a discounted price; they can plan on joining us for movies every month or bring a group of friends and make a party out of one screening," says Jolly.

In addition, the Mahaiwe will host a special ski season screening of Volkswagen presents: Warren Miller's *Line of Descent* (2017) on Saturday, February 17 at 7:30pm. In its 68th full-length feature film, Warren Miller Entertainment travels the globe by land, air, and sea, exploring the ties that bind ski culture. Tickets are \$15/\$10 for Mahaiwe Members.

The Mahaiwe schedule of London's National Theatre in HD broadcasts includes:

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof on Sunday, February 25 at 2:00pm starring Sienna Miller, Jack O'Connell, and Colm Meaney, directed by Benedict Andrews, in an acclaimed revival of Tennessee Williams' Pulitzer Prize-winning drama.

Hamlet on Sunday, March 11 at 2:00pm starring Academy Award nominee Benedict Cumberbatch (BBC's *Sherlock*) who takes on the title role of Shakespeare's great tragedy. The production is directed by Lyndsey Turner and produced by Sonia Friedman Productions.

Julius Caesar on Saturday, March 24 at 2:00pm starring Ben Whishaw (*The Danish Girl*) and Michelle Fairley (*Game of Thrones*) as Brutus and Cassius, David Calder (*The Lost City of Z*) as Caesar, and David Morrissey (*The Missing*) as Mark Antony. Nicholas Hytner's production will thrust the audience into the street party that greets Caesar's return, the congress that witnesses his murder, the rally that assembles for his funeral and the chaos that explodes in its wake.

Macbeth on Sunday, May 20 at 2:00pm starring Rory Kinnear (*Young Marx*) and Anne-Marie Duff (*Oil*) as Macbeth and Lady Macbeth in Shakespeare's most intense and terrifying tragedy, directed by Rufus Norris.

Tickets to London's National Theatre in HD broadcasts are \$17/\$10 everyone 21 and under (box office only). Intermission teas are sponsored by Harney & Sons Fine Teas.

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 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.

About the Berkshires

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