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Mahaiwe March Events

Great Barrington, Mass.— In March, the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center will present an array of HD broadcasts by the Bolshoi Ballet, London's National Theatre, and Met Opera, as well as a classic film.

Sunday, March 4 at 1:00pm, Bolshoi Ballet in HD will broadcast *Flames of Paris*. Few ballets showcase the Bolshoi's overflowing energy and fiery passion as Alexei Ratmansky's captivating revival of Vasily Vainonen's *The Flames of Paris*. With powerful virtuosity and some of the most stunning pas de deux, the Bolshoi Ballet displays an exuberance almost too enormous for the Moscow stage. At 12:40pm, Jacob's Pillow Scholar-in-residence Brian Schaefer will give an introductory talk about the production. Tickets to Bolshoi Ballet in HD broadcasts are \$17 / \$10 for everyone 21 and under (box office only), and include the pre-broadcast lectures.

Saturday, March 10 at 1:00pm, Met Opera Live in HD will broadcast Rossini's *Semiramide*. In addition, there will be encore broadcast of this production on Sunday, March 18 at 1:00pm. Angela Meade makes her Met role debut as the title character in this opera, which has not been seen at the Met in 25 years and will be conducted by Maurizio Benini and feature Elizabeth DeShong as the Commander of the Assyrian army Arsace, Javier Camarena as an Indian king Idreno, Ildar Abdrazakov as the prince Assur, and Ryan Speedo Green as the high priest Oroe.

Saturday, March 31 at 1:00pm, Met Opera Live in HD will broadcast Mozart's *Così fan tutte*. Phelim McDermott returns to the Met staging of this comedic opera, led by David

Robertson. Set in the 1950s on Coney Island, the cast features Amanda Majeski as the conflicted Fiordiligi; Serena Malfi as her sister, Dorabella; Tony Award winner Kelli O'Hara as their feisty maid, Despina; Ben Bliss and Adam Plachetka as the sisters' fiancés, Ferrando and Guglielmo; and Christopher Maltman as the cynical Don Alfonso. *Così fan tutte* is a co-production with the English National Opera.

Tickets to Met Opera Live in HD are \$25 adults / \$10 everyone 21 and under (box office only). At 11:30am before each live broadcast, acclaimed composer and librettist Scott Eyerly will give a talk about the production. Pre-broadcast lecture tickets are \$10.

The Mahaiwe upcoming London's National Theatre in HD broadcasts includes *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.

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.

This month's classic film is the Marx Brothers' slapstick musical about high society, *A Night at the Opera* (1935), on Thursday, March 15 at 7:00pm. 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 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 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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