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### **Mahaiwe April Events**

Great Barrington, Mass.— In April, the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center will present an array of HD broadcasts by Met Opera and the Bolshoi Ballet, as well as classic films.

Saturday, April 7 at 1:00pm, Met Opera Live in HD will present an encore broadcast of 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.

Saturday, April 14 at 12:30pm, Met Opera Live in HD will broadcast Verdi's *Luisa Miller*. At 11:00am before the broadcast, acclaimed composer and librettist Scott Eyerly will give a talk about the production. In addition, there will be an encore broadcast of the opera on Wednesday, April 18 at 12:30pm. Bertrand de Billy conducts a revival of *Luisa Miller*, which has not been seen at the Met since 2006. Starring Sonya Yoncheva as a peasant girl Luisa opposite Piotr Beczala as Rodolfo in Verdi's tragedy about a young woman who sacrifices her own happiness in an attempt to save her father's life. The cast also stars Plácido Domingo as Luisa's father Miller, with Olesya Petrova as Federica, and Alexander Vinogradov in his Met debut and Dmitry Belosselskiy as Walter and Wurm respectively, the ruthless men determined to tear Luisa and Rodolfo apart.

Saturday, April 28 at 1:00pm, Met Opera Live in HD will broadcast Massenet's *Cendrillon*. At 11:30am before the broadcast, Scott Eyerly will give a talk about the production. Massenet's enchanting opera *Cendrillon*, based on Cinderella, premieres at the Met conducted by Bertrand de Billy and directed by Laurent Pelly. Joyce DiDonato will play the title character, a role she has sung to acclaim at the Grand Teatre del Liceu, Santa Fe Opera, and Royal Opera, Covent Garden. The cast also stars Alice Coote as Prince Charmant, Stephanie Blythe as the evil stepmother Madame de la Haltière, Kathleen Kim as the Fée, and Laurent Naouri as Pandolfe.

Tickets to Met Opera Live in HD are \$25 adults / \$10 everyone 21 and under (box office only). Pre-broadcast lecture tickets are \$10.

Sunday, April 8 at 1:00pm, Bolshoi Ballet in HD will broadcast *Giselle* choreographed by Yuri Grigorovich with music by Adolphe Adam. Prima ballerina Svetlana Zakharova personifies this ultimate ballerina role in the classical repertoire, alongside Sergei Polunin as Albrecht, in this chilling, yet luminous ballet that continues to captivate audiences for over 150 years at the Bolshoi. 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.

The first film screening of the month will be *Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb* (1964) on Thursday, April 5 at 7:00pm. An insane general triggers a path to nuclear holocaust that a war room full of politicians and generals frantically tries to stop. Stanley Kubrick directs Peter Sellers and George C Scott in this black comedy classic.

On Thursday, April 19 at 7:00pm, the Mahaiwe will screen *Erin Brockovich* (2000) in conjunction with Great Barrington Libraries program *GB Reads RBG: Legal-Feminist Movie Marathon*. An unemployed single mother becomes a legal assistant and almost single-handedly brings down a California power company accused of polluting a city's

water supply. The film is directed by Steven Soderbergh and based on the real-life Erin Brockovich, portrayed by Julia Roberts who won Best Actress at the Academy Awards.

Sponsored by Don Buchwald & Associates, tickets to Mahaiwe movies are \$8 (general admission).

The Mahaiwe is located at 14 Castle Street in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. Box office hours are Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 4:00pm 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**

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