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**Mahaiwe Presents Chris Botti in October
Plus Met Opera and London's National Theatre HD broadcasts,
a children's puppetry show, and two movies**

Great Barrington, Mass.—The Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center will present Grammy Award-winning master trumpeter and composer Chris Botti on Saturday, October 6 at 8:00pm. “We are thrilled to welcome the incredible trumpeter Chris Botti back to the Mahaiwe stage,” says Mahaiwe Executive Director Beryl Jolly. “His first performance here in 2009 still stands out as a remarkable one, and we are eager to share his talents with his biggest fans and with those who have not yet experienced his range of artistry.”

For over two decades, Chris Botti has amassed a spectacular variety of honors, including multiple Gold and Platinum albums, to become the nation's largest-selling instrumental artist. He has performed with an array of legends, including Sting, Barbra Streisand, Tony Bennett, Yo-Yo Ma, Frank Sinatra, Paul Simon, and Andrea Bocelli. Whether he's performing with symphonies or at renowned venues around the globe, his crystalline and poetic sound transcends musical boundaries. Tickets are \$41 to \$175.

The Mahaiwe will present Met Opera Live in HD broadcasts of Verdi's *Aida* starring soprano Anna Netrebko on Sunday, October 7 at 1:00 pm and Wednesday, October 10 at 1:00 pm (both encore broadcasts); Saint-Saëns's biblical epic *Samson et Dalila* starring Elīna Garanča and Roberto Alagna on Saturday, October 20 at 1:00pm and Wednesday, October 24 at 1:00pm (encore); and Puccini's *La Fanciulla del West* with soprano Eva-Maria Westbroek singing the gun-slinging heroine in this romantic epic of the Wild West on Saturday, October 27 at 1:00pm and Wednesday, October 31 at 1:00pm (encore).

Met Opera Live in HD tickets are \$25 adults / \$10 for everyone 21 and under (box office only). Popular scholar Scott Eyerly will give a pre-broadcast talk about the productions at 11:30am before the screenings on October 7, October 20, and October 27. Lecture tickets are \$10.

The Mahaiwe will broadcast London's National Theatre in HD production of *King Lear* on Sunday, October 14 at 2:00pm. Starring Ian McKellen, Chichester Festival Theatre's production received five-star reviews for its sell-out run, and transfers to the West End for a limited season. Jonathan Munby directs this contemporary retelling of Shakespeare's tender, violent, moving, and shocking play. Tickets are \$17 / \$10 for everyone 21 and under (box office only). Harney & Sons Fine Teas sponsors the intermission tea.

The Mahaiwe education program will present a school-time performance of *Rainbow Fish* on Thursday, October 11 at 10:00am. Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia's adaptation of Marcus Pfizer's award-winning books about a beautiful fish that learns to share incorporates innovative puppetry, striking scenic effects, and evocative original music to provide very young audiences with an effortless introduction to the performing arts and the excitement of reading. Mahaiwe education program sponsors include Berkshire Bank, Cain Hibbard & Myers PC, Dr. Robert C and Tina Sohn Foundation, and the Feigenbaum Foundation. Tickets are \$6 for students with school groups and \$10 per person for the general public. This production is recommended for pre-K to 2nd graders. School groups should contact Judy Reinauer at education@mahaiwe.org. Families should contact the box office for tickets.

The Mahaiwe will screen two movies this month: the wholesome baseball fairytale, *Field of Dreams* (1989), on Sunday, October 14 at 2:00pm and the epic Spaghetti Western, *The Good, the Bad and the Ugly* (1966), on Sunday, October 28 at 7:00pm. The Mahaiwe has partnered with Only in My Dreams Events to enrich the screenings with movie-themed treats. Sponsored by Buchwald, tickets (general admission) are \$8 for adults and \$5 for

children (available for *Field of Dreams* as *The Good, the Bad and the Ugly* isn't recommended for youngsters). \$10 movie-and-a-drink tickets are also available, which include a beer, glass of wine, or soda at Number Ten restaurant next door to the theater the day of the screening.

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 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 1,500 events and welcomed over half a million people through its doors. More than 20,000 students from 68 different schools have benefited from the Mahaiwe's school-time performances and residencies. For more information, see 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.

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