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**Mahaiwe Announces HD Broadcasts by Bolshoi Ballet, Met Opera,  
and London's National Theatre**

Great Barrington, Mass.—Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center announces an array of HD (high definition) broadcasts by the Bolshoi Ballet, London's National Theatre, and Met Opera. Bolshoi Ballet and London's National Theatre broadcast tickets go on sale to Mahaiwe members on Friday, September 21 and to the public on Wednesday, September 26. Tickets to Met Opera broadcasts are already on sale.

“These popular HD broadcasts offer our audiences tremendous drama, passion, and talent with mesmerizing spectacles of opera, theater, and ballet from around the world,” says Mahaiwe Executive Director Beryl Jolly. “We also encourage everyone to come in advance of the opera and ballet broadcasts to enjoy special informative talks that can enhance the experience for both newcomers and experts.”

The Mahaiwe will broadcast seven productions by the Bolshoi Ballet. Jacob's Pillow scholars will give a pre-show talk at 12:40pm before each broadcast except *The Nutcracker*. Tickets, including the pre-show talk, are \$17, with \$10 tickets available for everyone ages 21 and under. Harney & Sons Fine Teas sponsors intermission teas for both Bolshoi Ballet and London's National Theatre broadcasts.

The Bolshoi Ballet in HD 2018-19 season includes the romantic masterpiece, *La Sylphide*, on Sunday, November 11 at 1:00pm; *Don Quixote*, with a spectacular cast of toreadors, flamenco dancers, gypsies, and dryads on Sunday, December 2 at 1:00pm; the timeless holiday classic, *The Nutcracker*, on Sunday, December 23 at 1:00pm; *La*

*Bayadere*, a classical ballet set in India, on Sunday, January 20 at 1:00pm; the resplendent fairytale ballet, *The Sleeping Beauty*, on Sunday, March 10 at 1:00pm; *The Golden Age*, a colorful dive into the roaring 1920s, on Sunday, April 7 at 1:00pm; and *Carmen Suite* by Cuban choreographer Alberto Alonso and *Petrushka* by contemporary choreographer Edward Clug on Sunday, May 19 at 1:00pm.

The Mahaiwe will present three London's National Theatre in HD productions, including Chichester Festival Theatre's production of *King Lear*, starring Ian McKellen, on Sunday, October 14 at 2:00pm. Jonathan Munby directs this contemporary retelling of Shakespeare's tender, violent, moving and shocking play; *Frankenstein*, with Benedict Cumberbatch and Jonny Lee Miller, on Saturday, November 3 at 2:00pm. This rebroadcast of the 2011 production is in honor of the 200th anniversary of Mary Shelley's novel; and *The Madness of George III* by Alan Bennett, one of Britain's best-loved playwrights, on Saturday, December 1 at 2:00pm. Set in 1786, this is an epic play about the erratic behavior of the then most powerful man in the world and the power plays that ensued as his mind unravelled. Tickets are \$17, with \$10 tickets available for everyone ages 21 and under.

The Met: Live in HD 2018-19 season will feature ten productions, including 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); 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); Muhly's *Marnie*, based on Winston Graham's novel, which in turn inspired Alfred Hitchcock's suspenseful thriller, on Saturday, November 10 at 1:00pm and Wednesday, November 14 at 1:00pm (encore); Verdi's timeless tragedy, *La Traviata*, on Saturday, December 15 at 1:00pm and Wednesday, December, 19 at 1:00pm (encore); Cilea's *Adriana Lecouvreur*, with Anna Netrebko singing the title role, on Saturday, January 12 at 1:00pm and Wednesday, January 23 at 1:00pm (encore);

Bizet's *Carmen*, starring Clémentine Margaine as opera's ultimate seductress, on Saturday, February 2 at 1:00pm and Sunday, February 17 at 1:00pm (encore); Donizetti's *La Fille du Régiment*, with bel canto stars Pretty Yende and Javier Camarena, on Saturday, March 2 at 1:00pm and Wednesday, March 6 at 1:00pm (encore); the second installment of Wagner's Ring cycle, *Die Walküre*, on Saturday, March 30 at 12:00pm and Wednesday, April 3 at 12:00pm (encore); and Poulenc's *Dialogues des Carmélites*, a modern masterpiece of faith and martyrdom, on Saturday, May 11 at 12:00pm and Wednesday, May 15 at 12:00pm.

Met Opera in HD tickets are \$25 adults / \$10 for everyone 21 and under. Popular scholar Scott Eyerly will give a pre-broadcast talk about the productions 90 minutes before each live broadcast, with the exception of *Aida*, when the talk will happen before the first encore broadcast on October 7. Lecture tickets are \$10.

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 1,500 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](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).

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