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Mahaiwe December Events
Highlights include *Radio Deluxe Live* with John Pizzarelli and Jessica Molaskey
Plus Met Opera, Bolshoi Ballet, and London's National Theatre HD broadcasts,
and family movies

Great Barrington, Mass.—The Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center will present *Radio Deluxe Live* with John Pizzarelli and Jessica Molaskey, as well as Met Opera, Bolshoi Ballet, and London's National Theatre HD broadcasts, and an array of family movies in December.

“Celebrating the holiday season with John Pizzarelli and Jessica Molaskey has become an annual tradition here at the Mahaiwe, yet each of their shows is different than the one before. This winter we're delighted to partner with Berkshires Jazz in a memorable performance of *Radio Deluxe Live*, with special guests from Brazil,” says Mahaiwe Executive Director Beryl Jolly. “We also invite the audience to sing-along with *The Greatest Showman*, and to enjoy more festivities with a movie matinee of *Elf* and a free screening of *It's A Wonderful Life*. Best wishes for health and happiness to everyone!”

Renowned jazz musicians John Pizzarelli and Jessica Molaskey will record their syndicated American-songbook radio program, *Radio Deluxe*, live at the Mahaiwe on Saturday, December 22 at 8:00pm. This popular show mixes and matches songs in medleys and sequences that flow like a continuing dialogue about life, relationships, and popular culture itself. The common denominator is a playful sense of humor. The husband-and-wife hosts are masters of off-the-cuff repartee. This show will feature special guests Maucha Adnet and Duduka Da Fonseca. Co-presented with Berkshires

Jazz, Inc., and sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts and Iredale Mineral Cosmetics, tickets are \$35 to \$110.

The Mahaiwe will broadcast the London's National Theatre in HD production of *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 unraveled. Tickets are \$17/ \$10 for everyone 21 and under.

The Mahaiwe will broadcast the Bolshoi Ballet in HD productions of *Don Quixote*, with a spectacular cast of toreadors, flamenco dancers, gypsies, and dryads on Sunday, December 2 at 1:00pm and the timeless holiday classic, *The Nutcracker*, on Sunday, December 23 at 1:00pm. A Jacob's Pillow scholar will give a pre-show talk about *Don Quixote* at 12:40pm before the screening on December 2. Tickets, including the pre-show talk, are \$17/ \$10 for everyone 21 and under. Harney & Sons Fine Teas provides intermission teas for both Bolshoi Ballet and London's National Theatre broadcasts.

The Mahaiwe will broadcast The Met: Live in HD production of Verdi's timeless tragedy, *La Traviata*, on Saturday, December 15 at 1:00pm and Wednesday, December 19 at 1:00pm (encore). 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 production at 11:30am before the live broadcast on December 15. Lecture tickets are \$10.

The Mahaiwe will present its annual free holiday screening of Frank Capra's *It's A Wonderful Life* (1946), sponsored by Buchwald and Greylock Federal Credit Union, as a gift to the community on Friday, December 21 at 7:00pm. In addition, the theater will present a special sing-along screening of *The Greatest Showman* (2017), a family-friendly musical inspired by the life of P. T. Barnum, on Thursday, December 6 at 7:00pm and the classic Christmas comedy, *Elf* (2003), on Thursday, December 27 at 4:00pm. 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. \$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. The Mahaiwe receives generous support from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, Berkshire Bank, and the Barr Foundation and The Klarman Family Foundation through the Barr-Klarman Massachusetts Arts Initiative. 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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