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Mahaiwe Announces February Events

Great Barrington, Mass.—Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center will present four films in February, as well as broadcasts by Met Opera Live in HD, London’s National Theatre in HD, and Bolshoi Ballet in HD. “The Mahaiwe first started screening movies in the silent film era,” says Mahaiwe Acting Executive Director Janis Martinson. “We’re proud to not only carry on the theater’s cinematic tradition, but to bring world-class opera, ballet, and theater productions to Great Barrington through our high-tech HD broadcast capability today.”

Opera

Met Opera Live in HD will broadcast Porgy and Bess on Saturday, February 1 at 1:00pm (encore broadcast on Wednesday, February 5 at 1:00pm). The Gershwins’ modern American masterpiece has its first Met performances in almost three decades, starring bass-baritone Eric Owens and soprano Angel Blue in the title roles. Director James Robinson’s stylish production transports audiences to Catfish Row, a setting vibrant with the music, dancing, emotion, and heartbreak of its inhabitants.

Met Opera Live in HD will broadcast Handel’s Agrippina on Saturday, February 29 at 1:00pm (encore broadcast on Wednesday, March 4 at 1:00pm). As the imperious title empress, mezzo-soprano Joyce DiDonato leads the Met premiere of Handel’s tale of deception and deceit. Harry Bicket conducts Sir David McVicar’s wry new production, which gives this Baroque black comedy a politically charged, modern updating.
Met Opera Live in HD tickets are $25 adults / $10 for everyone 21 and under. Composer and librettist Scott Eyerly will give pre-broadcast talks about the operas at 11:30am before the screenings on February 1 and February 29. Lecture tickets are $10.

**Theater**

London’s National Theatre in HD will broadcast Arthur Miller’s blistering drama *All My Sons*, directed by Jeremy Herrin and starring Sally Field and Bill Pullman, on Saturday, February 22 at 7:00pm. Winner of the Drama Critics’ Award for Best New Play in 1947, *All My Sons* established Miller as a leading voice in the American theater. The play introduced themes that thread through Miller’s work as a whole: the relationships between fathers and sons and the conflict between business and personal ethics. Tickets are $17/ $10 ages 21 and under.

**Ballet**

On Sunday, February 23 at 1:00pm, Bolshoi Ballet in HD will broadcast Tchaikovsky’s *Swan Lake*. One of the most-beloved ballets in the classical canon, the ballet premiered at the Bolshoi Theatre in 1877. The production is technically challenging and filled with vibrant emotion. Featuring a stunning *corps de ballet* in perfect unison, the legendary love story between Prince Siegfried and the dual personalities Odette/Odile is a must-see for dance lovers. The Mahaiwe will partner with Jacob’s Pillow to present a free pre-broadcast talk about the ballet at 12:40pm. Tickets are $17 adults / $10 everyone 21 and under.

**Film**

The Mahaiwe will celebrate Ground Hog Day on Sunday, February 2 at 7:00pm with a screening of Harold Ramis’s *Groundhog Day* (1993, rated PG). Bill Murray is at his wry,
wisecracking best in this romantic comedy about a weatherman caught in a personal time warp on the worst day of his life.

There will be a Valentine’s Day screening of Moonstruck (1987, rated PG) on Friday, February 14 at 7:00pm. Winner of three Academy Awards, including best actress for Cher and best supporting actress for Olympia Dukakis, this exuberantly funny film is a tribute to love.

On Thursday, February 20 at 4:00pm, the Mahaiwe will present The Great Muppet Caper (1981, rated G) in which the Muppets travel to London to stop a jewel heist. Jim Henson made his feature film directorial debut with this mystery musical comedy.

Sponsored by Buchwald, Mahaiwe Movies tickets (general admission) are $8 for adults and $5 for children. The theater partners with Only in My Dreams Events to enrich each screening with a movie-themed treat. Popcorn, candy, and beverages are for sale at the lobby concessions stand.

In addition, the Mahaiwe will present a special ski season screening of Warren Miller’s Timeless (2019) on Saturday, February 15 at 7:30pm. In its 70th full-length feature film, Warren Miller Entertainment presented by Volkswagen travels the globe by land, air, and sea, exploring the ties that bind ski culture. Tickets are $15, with $10 tickets available to Mahaiwe members and Ski Butternut and Catamount season pass holders.

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 22,000 students from 73 different schools have benefited from the Mahaiwe’s school-time performances and residencies. For more information, see www.mahaiwe.org.

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