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Mahaiwe Announces Additions to Summer Schedule

Michael Feinstein, Selected Shorts with Kate Burton, Jane Curtin, and Parker Posey, plus three new London's National Theatre HD Broadcasts

Great Barrington, Mass.— Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center Executive Director Beryl Jolly announced additions to the 2014 summer season today. Highlights include a concert by Michael Feinstein and a Selected Shorts performance with Kate Burton, Jane Curtin, and Parker Posey, plus three new London's National Theatre HD Broadcasts. In addition, she announced a schedule change: blues guitarist and singer-songwriter Jonny Lang, whose concert was previously announced for June 8, has been rescheduled for August 21. Tickets to the new shows go on sale to Mahaiwe members on Wednesday, May 7 at 12:00pm and to the public on Saturday, May 10 at 12:00pm.

“The Mahaiwe’s 2014 summer season has shaped up to be a knockout,” said Jolly. “We’re so happy to welcome audience favorite Michael Feinstein back to the theater, and it will be a treat to see the three brilliant Selected Shorts actresses bring literary short stories to life on our stage.”

Selected Shorts returns to the Mahaiwe on Saturday, July 19 at 8:00pm. Stage and screen stars Kate Burton, Jane Curtin, and Parker Posey will perform spellbinding short stories at this taping for the hit public radio series. Each Selected Shorts event is a unique night of literature in performance. Tickets are \$25 to \$50 (the latter includes preferred seating and post-performance reception with the artists).

The Michael Feinstein Trio will perform “A Summer Evening with Michael Feinstein” on Sunday, August 10 at 7:00pm. Feinstein, a multi-platinum-selling, two-time Emmy and five-time Grammy Award-nominated entertainer, has been dubbed “The Ambassador of the Great American Songbook.” He is considered one of the premier interpreters of American standards. His 200-plus shows a year have included performances at Carnegie Hall, Sydney Opera House, and the Hollywood Bowl, as well as the White House and Buckingham Palace. Tickets are \$60 to \$90.

There will be three broadcasts of London’s National Theatre in HD stage productions this summer. On Thursday, June 12 at 7:00pm, *A Small Family Business* by Olivier Award-winning playwright Alan Ayckbourn (*Bedroom Farce*, *A Chorus of Disapproval*) will return to the National Theatre for the first time since its celebrated premiere in 1987, when it won the Evening Standard Award for Best Play. The play centers on Jack McCracken: a man of principle in a corrupt world...but not for long. Rampant self-interest takes over and comic hysteria builds to a macabre climax.

The Mahaiwe will present an encore broadcast of the London's National Theatre production of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* on Saturday, June 14 at 7:00pm. Based on the acclaimed novel by Mark Haddon, adapted by Simon Stephens, and directed by Marianne Elliott, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* has been hailed by The Times as “a phenomenal combination of storytelling and spectacle.” It won seven Olivier Awards in 2013, including Best New Play. The work is about Christopher, a fifteen year-old who has an extraordinary brain – exceptional at math while ill-equipped to interpret everyday life.

Helen McCrory (*The Last of the Haussmans*) returns to the National Theatre to take the title role in *Medea*, Euripides’ powerful tragedy, in a new version by Ben Power, directed by Carrie Cracknell, on Thursday, September 4 at 7:00pm. Tickets to all London's National Theatre in HD broadcasts are \$18 to \$25.

The Mahaiwe is located at 14 Castle Street in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. Box

office hours are Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 6:00pm and three hours before show times. A limited number of \$15 tickets are available for patrons ages 30 and younger to all Mahaiwe-presented programs through the Mahaiwe ArtSmart Tix program. 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 and has been in continuous operation for over 100 years. In 2005, the theater experienced a renaissance as a beautifully restored 681-seat venue to offer a broad range of cultural and community events. Today’s “Mahaiwe Mix” of diverse, high quality programming strives to provide meaningful, memorable entertainment for all ages and interests.

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Mahaiwe Upcoming Schedule at a Glance

Saturday, May 10 at 1:00pm

Mahaiwe Presents

Met Opera Live in HD broadcast of Rossini's *La Cenerentola*—a vocal tour de force for mezzo-soprano Joyce DiDonato, singing her first Met performances of the Cinderella title role, and the high-flying tenor Juan Diego Flórez, as her Prince Charming.

\$18 to \$25

Wednesday, May 14 at 2:00pm

Mahaiwe Presents

London's National Theatre in HD encore broadcast of *King Lear* with Simon Russell Beale, directed by Sam Mendes. In Shakespeare’s tragedy, an aged king decides to divide his kingdom between his three daughters, according to which of them is most eloquent in praising him. His favorite, Cordelia, says nothing.

\$18 to \$25

Sunday, May 18 at 1:00pm

Mahaiwe Presents

Met Opera Live in HD encore broadcast of Rossini's *La Cenerentola*—a vocal tour de force for mezzo-soprano Joyce DiDonato, singing her first Met performances of the Cinderella title role, and the high-flying tenor Juan Diego Flórez, as her Prince Charming.
\$18 to \$25

Thursday, June 12 at 7:00pm

Mahaiwe Presents

London's National Theatre in HD

A Small Family Business by Alan Ayckbourn about a man of principle in a corrupt world.

\$18 to \$25

Thursday, June 14 at 7:00pm

Mahaiwe Presents

London's National Theatre in HD (encore presentation)

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time based on the acclaimed novel by Mark Haddon

\$18 to \$25

Saturday, June 21 at 8:00pm

Mahaiwe Presents

New York City-based modern string quartet ETHEL will perform a concert titled "Grace" that explores the idea of redemption through music, including works by Ennio Morricone, Jeff Buckley, Mary Ellen Childs, Marcelo Zarvos and Carlo Mombelli.

\$30

Saturday, July 5 at 8:00pm

Mahaiwe Presents

Prolific songwriter Natalie Merchant, former lead vocalist and lyricist of the chart-topping pop music group 10,000 Maniacs, will perform with her band.

\$40 to \$90

Sunday, July 6 at 7:00pm

Mahaiwe Presents

Zappa Plays Zappa, the Grammy-winning group led by Frank Zappa's son Dweezil, makes and recreates history performing the music of Frank Zappa.

\$30 to \$65

Friday, July 11 at 8:00pm

Mahaiwe Presents

Pioneer blues guitarist Buddy Guy, a Rock and Roll Hall-of-famer and six-time Grammy winner.

\$30 to \$105

Saturday, July 19 at 8:00pm

Mahaiwe Presents

Selected Shorts with Kate Burton, Jane Curtin, and Parker Posey, featuring performances of spellbinding short stories at this taping for the hit public radio series.

\$25 to \$50 (the latter includes preferred seating and post-performance reception with the artists).

Thursday, July 24 at 8:00pm

Mahaiwe Presents

Paul Taylor Dance Company 60th anniversary season program includes “Marathon Cadenzas” (2014 New England premiere), “Sunset” (1983) and “Cloven Kingdom” (1976).

\$20 to \$65

Friday, July 25 at 8:00pm

Mahaiwe Presents

Paul Taylor Dance Company 60th anniversary season program includes “Airs” (1978), “Dust” (1977) and “Funny Papers” (1994).

\$20 to \$75

Saturday, July 26 at 3:00pm

Mahaiwe Presents

Paul Taylor Dance Company 60th anniversary season program includes “Airs” (1978), “Dust” (1977) and “Funny Papers” (1994).

\$10 to \$55.

Saturday, July 26 at 8:00pm

Mahaiwe Presents

Paul Taylor Dance Company 60th anniversary season program includes “Marathon Cadenzas” (2014 New England premiere), “Sunset” (1983) and “Cloven Kingdom” (1976).

\$20 to \$80

Friday, August 1 from 10:00am to 2:00pm

Mahaiwe Presents

Free Fun Friday arts celebration for the whole family.

Free

Sunday, August 3 at 7:00pm

Mahaiwe Presents

The Four Tops, one of Motown’s most consistent hit makers, whose songs include “Baby I Need Your Loving,” “I Can’t Help Myself (Sugar Pie, Honey Bunch),” and “Ain’t No Woman (Like the One I’ve Got).”

\$30 to \$95

Friday, August 8 at 8:00pm

Mahaiwe Presents

The Bad Plus Joshua Redman, a double bill featuring artists who are shaping the contemporary jazz scene. Redman's intense and fiery tenor sax meshes with The Bad Plus's skewed takes on standards, modern rock anthems, and their own compositions.
\$29 to \$79

Saturday, August 9 at 8:00pm

Mahaiwe Presents

A Conversation with author and journalist Fran Lebowitz hosted by WAMC's Joe Donahue. Purveyor of urban cool, witty chronicler of the "me decade" and the cultural satirist whom many call the heir to Dorothy Parker, Lebowitz offers insights on timely issues such as gender, race, gay rights and the media as well as her own pet peeves, including celebrity culture, tourists and strollers.
\$25 to \$55

Sunday, August 10 at 7:00pm

Mahaiwe Presents

A Summer Evening with Michael Feinstein, featuring songs from the Great American Songbook performed by the multi-platinum-selling, two-time Emmy and five-time Grammy Award-nominated entertainer.
\$60 to \$90

Thursday, August 21 at 8:00pm

Mahaiwe Presents

Jonny Lang, a Grammy Award-winning blues guitarist and singer-songwriter.
\$30 to \$79

PLEASE NOTE SCHEUDLE CHANGE: This concert was previously announced for Sunday, June 8.

Thursday, September 4 at 7:00pm

Mahaiwe Presents

London's National Theatre in HD

Medea by Euripides. Helen McCrory plays the title role in this powerful Greek tragedy, in a new version by Ben Power, directed by Carrie Cracknell.
\$18 to \$25