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Mahaiwe Presents Jonny Lang Blues Concert

Great Barrington, Mass.— Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center will present Grammy Award-winning blues guitarist and singer-songwriter Jonny Lang on Thursday, August 21 at 8:00pm. “I’m very excited to welcome this blues phenomenon to the Mahaiwe stage for the first time. It promises to be an unforgettable night,” said Mahaiwe Executive Director Beryl Jolly.

Jonny Lang is a blues, gospel, and rock singer, songwriter, guitarist, and recording artist. As a 12 year old, he began a musical journey in Fargo, North Dakota that has brought him to points across the globe. He mastered his skills at an amazingly young age, topping the Billboard charts with his first album, *Lie to Me*, in 1996 when he was only 16. Over the years, he has shared the stage with the Rolling Stones, B.B. King, Aerosmith, Sting, and Buddy Guy, who he continues to tour with today.

With the release of his newest album, *Fight For My Soul* (2013), Lang says he is entering a chapter where he has found his true voice. The album defies categorization to a single genre. It is defined by textured arrangements, broad worldview, gorgeous vocal melodies, and expressive guitar playing. “Much of what I’ve experienced through music and life in general is in these songs. I really like reaching out and connecting with people. For me,

this is what it's all about. It keeps it fresh with different experiences every day," said Lang. "One of my goals is the music can be a blessing to the people listening to it in some way. And if *Fight For My Soul* can help somebody by making them feel better or that they're not alone, that's my idea of success for this album."

Tickets are \$30 to \$79. A limited number of \$15 tickets are available for patrons ages 30 and younger through the Mahaiwe ArtSmart Tix program, sponsored by Greylock Federal Credit Union. The Mahaiwe is located at 14 Castle Street in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. Box office hours are Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 6:00pm 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 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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