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Mahaiwe Presents Paul Taylor Dance Company

Great Barrington, Mass.— The world-renowned Paul Taylor Dance Company will return to the Mahaiwe for its eighth consecutive summer with performances on Thursday, July 9 at 8:00pm, Friday, July 10 at 8:00pm, Saturday, July 11 at 3:00pm and 8:00pm, and on Sunday, July 12 at 2:00pm. A new component of the company's Mahaiwe residency this year will be a special family matinee on July 11, with discounted tickets that cost \$20 per family and that is specifically designed for young audiences with shorter excerpts of dances and a talkback session after the performance. Veterans will also be honored this summer with a free ticket opportunity.

“We are proud to be the Berkshire home for America's national treasure Paul Taylor Dance Company, and to share so many favorite works by the company” said Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center Executive Director Beryl Jolly. “This summer, we are especially delighted to add a family matinee to the company's engagement in Great Barrington.”

The diverse programs will feature Paul Taylor masterworks from various eras, including “Company B” (1991, music by the Andrews Sisters), “Eventide” (1997, music by Ralph Vaughan Williams), “Esplanade” (1975, music by Johann Sebastian Bach), “Diggity” (1978, commissioned score by Donald York), “Piazzolla Caldera” (1997, music by Astor

Piazzolla and Jerzy Peterburshsky), and “Promethean Fire” (2002, music by J.S. Bach, orchestrated by Leopold Stokowski).

The Mahaiwe is offering veterans one free ticket each, plus a 25% discount on additional tickets to the Thursday and Saturday evening performances that feature the dance titled “Company B.” In this seminal piece of Americana, Paul Taylor recalls WWII and the turbulent 1940s through the hit songs of the Andrews Sisters.

Schedule of Dances

Thursday, July 9 at 8:00pm

“Company B,” “Eventide,” and “Esplanade”

Friday, July 10 at 8:00pm

“Diggity,” “Piazzolla Caldera,” and “Promethean Fire”

Saturday, July 11 at 3:00pm

Family matinee, featuring excerpts from “Diggity” and “Company B,” plus a talkback session after the performance

Saturday, July 11 at 8:00pm

“Company B,” “Eventide,” and “Esplanade”

Sunday, July 12 at 2:00pm

“Diggity,” “Piazzolla Caldera,” and “Promethean Fire”

Paul Taylor is considered by many to be America’s greatest living choreographer – a founder and towering icon of modern dance. He is among the few remaining pioneers of the modernist movement who rose to fame in mid- 20th century America; his ideas spread globally and have continued to influence art of the 21st century. He has offered cogent observations on life’s complexities while tackling some of society’s thorniest issues. He uses his dancers to illuminate such profound issues as war, piety, spirituality,

sexuality, morality, and mortality. At age 84, Mr. Taylor continues to win public and critical acclaim for the vibrancy, relevance, and power of his creations.

Since its founding in 1954, Paul Taylor Dance Company has performed in more than 524 cities and 64 countries. He has received countless accolades, including two of the highest artistic distinctions awarded in the United States – the Kennedy Center Honors and the National Medal of Arts.

Outside of New York City, no other community has had such wonderful access to the depth and range of Mr. Taylor’s dances. Taylor Executive Director John Tomlinson said, “Our performances at the Mahaiwe have become one of the most anticipated events of our year.”

Tickets

Tickets to Paul Taylor Dance Company concerts are \$25 to \$65 and tickets to the family matinee are just \$20 (general admission) *per family* of up to six people total. Additional family member tickets are \$5 each. Tickets for the family matinee and the veterans’ free and discount evening tickets are available only through the Mahaiwe box office in person or via 413.528-0100.

In addition, a limited number of \$15 tickets are available for audience members ages 30 and younger to the regular performances 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 Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 6:00pm and three hours before show times. For tickets and information, see www.mahaiwe.org.

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 1,000 events and welcomed almost half a million people through its doors. Its education program has served over 12,000 students from 35 different schools with school-time performances and residencies. The Mahaiwe generates in excess of \$1,000,000 in ticket revenue from 150 events each year, while contributing over \$4,000,000 in regional economic impact from the theater's direct spending and audience's restaurant, lodging, and shopping activities.