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Mahaiwe April Events: Golden Dragon Acrobats and Enriched HD Broadcasts by London's National Theatre, Met Opera, and Bolshoi Ballet

Great Barrington, Mass.— The Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center will present the Golden Dragon Acrobats this month, along with HD broadcasts by London's National Theatre, Met Opera, and the Bolshoi Ballet that will be enriched by enlightening pre-screening lectures. "Our April programming brings global opportunities into Great Barrington, ranging from amazing acrobatics from China to an in-depth look at how the Bolshoi Theater reflects Russia's neo-imperial ambitions to one of Shakespeare's classics," said Mahaiwe Executive Director Beryl Jolly. "We're delighted to broaden our community outreach this spring, partnering with Jacob's Pillow Dance and Shakespeare & Company and welcoming over 600 schoolchildren."

On Saturday, April 8 at 7:00pm, Shakespeare & Company's new artistic director, Allyn Burrows, will give a talk in advance of the 7:30pm HD broadcast of *Twelfth Night* from London's National Theatre. Tamsin Greig plays Malvolia in Simon Godwin's joyous new production of Shakespeare's classic comedy of mistaken identity. Tickets are \$17, including the pre-broadcast talk, and \$10 tickets are available for young people ages 21 and under.

The Golden Dragon Acrobats will give a family friendly performance on Sunday, April 9 at 3:00pm, as well as a sold-out school fieldtrip performance on Monday, April 10 at 10:00am. The Golden Dragon Acrobats represent the best of a time-honored tradition that began more than twenty-five centuries ago. They are recognized throughout the United

States and abroad as the premiere Chinese acrobatic touring company of today. Impresario Danny Chang and choreographer Angela Chang combine award-winning acrobatics, traditional dance, spectacular costumes, ancient and contemporary music, and theatrical techniques to present a show of breathtaking skill and spellbinding beauty. Tickets are \$26 to \$48.

Met Opera Live in HD will broadcast Tchaikovsky's *Eugene Onegin* on Saturday, April 22 at 1:00pm (with an encore presentation on Wednesday, April 26 at 1:00pm). Tchaikovsky's setting of Pushkin's timeless verse novel is presented on the Met stage in Deborah Warner's moving production, starring Anna Netrebko and Dmitri Hvorostovsky as Tatiana and Onegin. Alexey Dolgov sings the role of Lenski, and Robin Ticciati conducts. Scholar Scott Eyerly will give a lively talk about the opera at 11:45am before the first screening of the production. Tickets are \$18 to \$25 per Met Opera broadcast and \$10 for the pre-screening lecture.

The Mahaiwe is partnering with Jacob's Pillow Dance to present a special conversation with Jacob's Pillow Scholar-in-residence Brian Schaefer about Simon Morrison's book, *Bolshoi Confidential, Secrets of the Russian Ballet from the Rule of the Tsars to Today* on Sunday, April 23 at 12:00pm. Under Putin in the 21st century, the Bolshoi Theater has been called on to preserve a priceless artistic legacy and mirror Russia's neo-imperial ambitions. "In these complex times, when Russia is very much in the news, it feels valuable to consider history through the lens of the arts," said Jolly. This event is co-sponsored by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) and the Bookloft, which is selling the book at its Great Barrington store with a 15% discount for those wishing to read it before the talk. Admission is free.

At 12:40pm following his book talk, Schaefer will introduce the Bolshoi Ballet in HD's production of *A Hero of Our Time*, which will begin at 1:00pm. Choreographed by Yuri Possokhov, with music by Ilya Demutsky, the ballet was adapted from Mikhail Lermontov's 1840 literary masterpiece. The story of this new dance follows the larger-than-life hero Pechorin on his tragic, poetic journey. This will be an encore broadcast of

the production, which will be captured live on April 9, 2017. Tickets to the Bolshoi Ballet in HD, including the pre-broadcast talk, are \$17. \$10 tickets are available for young people ages 21 and under.

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 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 1,000 events and welcomed almost half a million people through its doors. The Mahaiwe has now welcomed over 16,000 students from 57 different schools for its school-time performances and residencies.