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## The MET: Live in HD Series Continues With MET Premiere Of “Nixon in China”

SAN LUIS OBISPO –The Metropolitan Opera has debuted its first-ever production of John Adams’ *Nixon in China*.

The live-streamed performance of *Nixon in China* will be screened at the Performing Arts Center on Saturday, February 12, 2011 at 10 a.m. This opera will be presented by Cal Poly Arts and Opera San Luis Obispo as part of the popular *THE MET: LIVE IN HD* series.

Making his Met debut as a conductor, composer Adams will be conducting his own score. The opera’s libretto is by American poet Alice Goodman – an exploration of the human truths beyond the headlines surrounding President Nixon’s 1972 encounter with Communist China.

The Met’s new production, staged by internationally-acclaimed director Peter Sellars, will star James Maddalena as Richard Nixon – a role he created at the opera’s world premiere in 1987 and has performed at leading opera houses around the world.

*Nixon in China* will also feature Janis Kelly as Pat Nixon, Kathleen Kim as Chiang Ch’ing, Robert Brubaker as Mao Tse-tung, Russell Braun as Chou En-lai, and Richard Paul Fink as Henry Kissinger.

Expected running time: 4 hours

### ***Nixon in China* Sponsor: Lou Robinson**

*The Met: Live in HD* is the Metropolitan Opera’s Peabody and Emmy Award-winning series of performances transmitted live by satellite in high-definition to more than 1000 movie theaters around the world.

Opera stars such as Natalie Dessay, Plácido Domingo, Fleming, Susan Graham, Thomas Hampson, and Deborah Voigt have served as hosts for the shows, conducting live interviews with cast and crew and introducing behind-the-scenes features – allowing the worldwide HD audience an unprecedented look at what goes into the staging of an opera at one of the world’s great houses. Robotic

cameras and state-of-the-art technology are used to capture the action, giving a bird's-eye view and interesting perspectives on the productions.

In order to offer the *The Met: Live in HD* series, the Performing Arts Center has undergone major technological renovations including the installation of a new 22,000 lumen projector with high-definition capabilities. The purchase of the new equipment was made possible by the Foundation for the Performing Arts Center through a generous donation by the Hind Foundation.

*The Met: Live in HD* series is also made possible by a generous grant from its founding sponsor, The Neubauer Family Foundation. Bloomberg is the global corporate sponsor.

*The Met: Live in HD* began airing on PBS in January 2007. The series is produced in association with PBS and WNET, with support from Toll Brothers, America's luxury home builder.

Prices: \$25/public; \$10/student with I.D. Ticket purchase includes all facility and parking fees. Reserved seating.

*Last chance for special discount: Order tickets for any six operas in the Series and get tickets to the remaining seventh opera free.*

All tickets may be purchased at the Performing Arts Center Ticket Office: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. To order by phone, call 805-756-2787 or toll-free 888-233-2787; to order by fax – 805-756-6088.

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