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The Met: Live in HD Performs the Final “Ring” Trilogy Opera

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA – At 9 a.m. on Saturday, February 11, 2012 at the Performing Arts Center, Cal Poly Arts and Opera San Luis Obispo present a screening of the New York Metropolitan Opera’s final installment of the Richard Wagner’s “Ring” trilogy, “GÖTTERDÄMMERUNG” (“Twilight of the Gods”).

Robert LePage directed this sumptuous production of Wagner’s cataclysmic climax, bringing the “Ring” trilogy to its ultimate resolution. Deborah Voigt stars as Brünnhilde and Gary Lehman is Siegfried – the star-crossed lovers, doomed by fate.

Run Time: 6 hours, 24 minutes, with two intermissions.

This local screening is sponsored by Louis 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 1400 movie theaters around the world.

Opera stars such as Ms. Voigt, Renée Fleming, Natalie Dessay, Plácido Domingo, Susan Graham, and Thomas Hampson 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 underwent major technological renovations in 2010, 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.

General admission/seating. Ticket prices include all parking and facility fees.

\$25 General; \$10 students with valid I.D.

Tickets may be purchased at the Performing Arts Center Ticket Office, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

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