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The Met: Live in HD Series Continues with Verdi's Classic "Ernani" Opera

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA – Cal Poly Arts and Opera San Luis Obispo continue The Met: Live in HD screening partnership on Saturday, February 25, 2012 at 9:55 a.m. with Verdi's compelling opera, Ernani.

Angela Meade takes center stage in Verdi's thrilling early gem. Marcello Giordani is her mismatched lover, Ernani. All-star "Verdians" Dmitri Hvorostovsky and Ferruccio Furlanetto round out the stellar cast. Sung in Italian with supertitles.

Run Time: 3 hours, 54 minutes. Two intermissions.

Local screening sponsored by Francesca Fairbrother, Jane & Roy Gersten, and Barbara Murphy.

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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 Renée Fleming, Natalie Dessay, Plácido Domingo, 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 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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