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Verdi's Tragic Opera Screens from the MET Live in HD at the PAC

San Luis Obispo, CA – Cal Poly Arts and Opera San Luis Obispo are proud to present *The Met: Live in HD* – a live-streaming, high-definition transmission series screened at the Performing Arts Center direct from the famed Metropolitan Opera's stage in New York City.

On Saturday, April 30, 2011, at 10 a.m. in the Cohan Center, *THE MET: Live in HD* series continues with its simulcast of Giuseppe Verdi's tragic, four-act opera, *IL TROVATORE*.

David McVicar's stirring production of Verdi's intense drama premiered in the Metropolitan Opera's 2008–09 season. James Levine leads this revival, starring four extraordinary singers — Sondra Radvanovsky, Dolora Zajick, Marcelo Álvarez, and Dmitri Hvorostovsky — in what might be the composer's most melodically-rich score.

Expected Running time: 3 hours, 15 minutes

Cohan Center screening show sponsors: Mary L. and Tony Bianco, Phyllis and Robert Frank, and the Moca Foundation.

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 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 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.

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.

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