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Film Streams and Opera Omaha Announce 2009-10 Season of THE MET: LIVE IN HD

New season from New York's Metropolitan Opera to feature 9 live HD broadcasts and encore presentations

Omaha, Nebraska (May 19, 2009)—With the current season of **The Met: Live in HD** nearing its conclusion, Film Streams and Opera Omaha are excited to announce the 2009-10 season of the award-winning series from New York's Metropolitan Opera. All broadcasts within the new season will be available at Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater, along with encore presentations identical to the live transmissions.

The 2009-10 Live in HD series will feature nine productions, beginning October 10 with **Tosca**, starring Karita Mattila and conducted by James Levine, and continuing with **Aida** (October 24), **Turandot** (November 7), **Les Contes d'Hoffmann** (December 19), **Der Rosenkavalier** (January 9), **Carmen** (January 16), **Simon Boccanegra** (February 6), **Hamlet** (March 27), and **Armida** (May 1). Dates for the encore presentations will be announced later this summer.

Tickets for all live broadcasts within the 2009-10 season will go on sale to the general public on Tuesday, September 8. In appreciation for their important support, Film Streams Members and Opera Omaha Subscribers will be able to purchase tickets beginning Friday, August 28.

The current season of The Met: Live in HD concludes Wednesday, May 20, with a 5:30 p.m. encore presentation of LA CENERENTOLA, Rossini's operatic version of the Cinderella tale.

The Metropolitan Opera first launched its groundbreaking program of live, high-definition broadcasts to movie theaters around the world in December 2006. From its inaugural season, the series has enjoyed critical acclaim and global box office success, selling more than 1.5 million tickets worldwide. Currently in its third season, The Met: Live in HD plays to almost 850 venues in more than 35 countries. In the past year, the Met has earned both a Peabody Award and Emmy Award for the popular series.

Presentation of The Met: Live in HD at Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater was first made possible through the visionary philanthropy of Fred Simon and Dick Holland, whose support allowed the nonprofit cinema to be equipped with the necessary satellite and HD projection technology. Since opening the Ruth

Sokolof Theater in July 2007, Film Streams has hosted the second and third seasons of the popular series, with many of the live broadcasts playing to sold-out audiences.

The Met: Live in HD is presented at Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater in partnership with Opera Omaha. As part of a unique collaboration between the two Omaha arts organizations, Opera Omaha presents prelude talks before all live broadcasts, featuring the insights of such aficionados as former Opera Omaha Artistic Director Hal France, current Resident Music Director J. Gawf, Artistic Director Garnett Bruce and General Director John Wehrle.

For more information on The Met: Live in HD at Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater, please contact Casey Logan at (402) 933-0259 x 10 or casey@filmstreams.org.

Film Streams is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the cultural environment of the Omaha-Council Bluffs area through the presentation and discussion of film as an art form. In July 2007, we opened the Ruth Sokolof Theater, our two-screen cinema located within the Saddle Creek Records development north of downtown Omaha. For more information, visit us online at www.filmstreams.org.

