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Wagner's Complete *Ring* Cycle Coming to Participating Movie Theatres in Canada

Four iconic operas and a documentary to be shown in May

Toronto, ON, April 26, 2012, (TSX: CGX) - Cineplex Entertainment, via our *Front Row Centre Events*, and The Metropolitan Opera are pleased to announce Canadian Robert Lepage's new production of Wagner's *Der Ring des Nibelungen* will be shown at participating movie theatres in Canada May 9-19, 2012. Susan Froemke's documentary *Wagner's Dream*, which looks at the making of Lepage's *Ring* cycle, can also be seen at participating theatres on May 7, 2012.

"This is a unique event for opera fans as this is first time the complete *Ring* cycle has been offered in movie theatres," said Pat Marshall, Vice President, Communications and Investor Relations, Cineplex Entertainment. "Susan Froemke's documentary is not only a great introduction to the cycle but it also provides the audience with an unprecedented look at what Robert Lepage has done to bring these operas to life."

A special media screening of *Wagner's Dream* will be held in Toronto and Montreal on May 2nd. Media can confirm attendance with one of the contacts listed below.

Wagner's Dream

A documentary by Susan Froemke
Monday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m. local time
Running time: 1 hour, 52 minutes
Premiere

The stakes could not be higher as visionary director Robert Lepage, some of the world's greatest operatic artists, and the Metropolitan Opera tackle Wagner's *Ring* cycle. An intimate look at the enormous theatrical and musical challenges of staging opera's most monumental work, the film chronicles the quest to fulfill Wagner's dream of a perfect *Ring*.

Das Rheingold (The Rhine Gold)

Conducted by James Levine
Starring Wendy Bryn Harmer (Freia), Stephanie Blythe (Fricka), Patricia Bardon (Erda), Richard Croft (Loge), Gerhard Siegel (Mime), Bryn Terfel (Wotan), Eric Owens (Alberich), Franz-Josef Selig (Fasolt), Hans-Peter König (Fafner)
Wednesday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m. local time
Running time: 168 minutes; no intermission
Original live transmission: October 9, 2010

In the first opera in the *Ring* cycle, the gods of Valhalla clash with underworld dwarves and brawny giants, with disastrous consequences. The evil Alberich steals gold from the Rhine and uses it to forge a ring of unimaginable power. Wotan, the king of the gods, uses magic to steal the Ring, but Alberich places a curse that guarantees misery for whoever wears it. Wotan's unwillingness to part with the ring leads him to break a contract with the giants who have built the gods' new castle in the sky, setting in motion a chain of events that will end in his own destruction.

Die Walküre (The Valkyrie)

Conducted by James Levine

Starring Deborah Voigt (Brünnhilde), Eva-Maria Westbroek (Sieglinde), Stephanie Blythe (Fricka), Jonas Kaufmann (Siegmond), Bryn Terfel (Wotan), Hans-Peter König (Hunding)

Saturday, May 12 at 10 a.m. local time

Running time: 259 minutes, including one intermission

Original live transmission: May 14, 2011

The mysterious hero Siegmund finds shelter in the strangely familiar arms of a lonely woman named Sieglinde. Their forbidden love leads Wotan's daughter, the warrior maiden Brünnhilde, to defy morality and intervene on behalf of the hero. Brünnhilde's transgression forces her father to choose between his love for his favorite daughter and his duty to his wife, the formidable goddess Fricka. Overcome with grief, Wotan takes away Brünnhilde's godlike powers and puts her to sleep on a mountaintop, surrounded by a ring of magic fire that can only be crossed by the bravest of heroes.

Siegfried

Conducted by Fabio Luisi

Starring Deborah Voigt (Brünnhilde), Patricia Bardon (Erda), Jay Hunter Morris (Siegfried), Gerhard Siegel (Mime), Bryn Terfel (The Wanderer), Eric Owens (Alberich)

Thursday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m. local time

Running time: 258, including one intermission

Original live transmission: November 5, 2011

The young hero Siegfried grows up in the wilderness, raised by Alberich's conniving brother Mime. He puts together the broken pieces of the sword Nothung, uses it to slay the fearsome dragon Fafner, and takes the Ring for himself. To fulfill his destiny, he must overcome one more opponent—Wotan, now disguised as the Wanderer, who knows the world of the gods is coming to an end—and cross through the magic fire to awaken his true love, Brünnhilde.

Götterdämmerung (Twilight of the Gods)

Conducted by Fabio Luisi

Starring Deborah Voigt (Brünnhilde), Wendy Bryn Harmer (Gutrune), Waltraud Meier (Waltraute), Jay Hunter Morris (Siegfried), Iain Paterson (Gunther), Eric Owens (Alberich), Hans-Peter König (Hagen)

Saturday, May 19 at 10 a.m. local time

Running time: 287 minutes, including one intermission

Original live transmission: February 11, 2012

Siegfried and Brünnhilde's love is torn apart by the curse of the Ring. A trio of scheming humans separates the two heroes in a desperate attempt to steal the Ring for themselves. Their villainous plan fails, but they succeed in murdering Siegfried. Heartbroken, Brünnhilde takes the Ring and leaps into the hero's funeral pyre, causing a global cataclysm and the twilight of the gods.

The *Ring* cycle will be offered at the following theatres*:

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Coquitlam

SilverCity Coquitlam and VIP Cinemas, 170 Schoolhouse Street

Duncan

Cowichan Theatre, 2687 James Street

Langley

Colossus Langley Cinemas, 20090 91A Avenue

Nanaimo

Galaxy Cinemas Nanaimo, 213-4750 Rutherford Road

Richmond

SilverCity Riverport Cinemas, 14211 Entertainment Way

Trail

Royal Theatre, 1597 Bay Avenue

Vancouver

Cineplex Odeon Park and Tilford Cinemas, 200-333 Brooksbank Avenue

Scotiabank Theatre Vancouver, 900 Burrard Street

Victoria

SilverCity Victoria Cinemas, 3130 Tillicum Road

ALBERTA**Calgary**

Scotiabank Theatre Chinook, 6455 Macleod Trail SW

Edmonton

Cineplex Odeon South Edmonton Cinemas, 1525-99th Street NW

Scotiabank Theatre Edmonton, 8882-170 Street

MANITOBA**Winnipeg**

SilverCity Polo Park Cinemas, 817 St. James Street

SASKATCHEWAN**Regina**

Galaxy Cinemas Regina, 420 McCarthy Boulevard N

Saskatoon

Galaxy Cinemas Saskatoon, 347 2nd Avenue

ONTARIO**Ancaster**

SilverCity Ancaster Cinemas, 771 Golf Links Road

Bracebridge

Rene M. Caisse, 100 Clearbrook Trl.

Burlington

SilverCity Burlington Cinemas, 1250 Brant Street

Guelph

Galaxy Cinemas Guelph, 485 Woodlawn Road W

Kingston

Cineplex Odeon Gardiners Road Cinemas, 626 Gardiners Road

London

Cineplex Odeon Westmount and VIP Cinemas, 755 Wonderland Road S

SilverCity London Cinemas, 1680 Richmond Street

Mississauga

Coliseum Mississauga Cinemas, 309 Rathburn Road W

Niagara Falls

Cineplex Odeon Niagara Square Cinemas, 7555 Montrose Road

Oakville

SilverCity Oakville and VIP Cinemas, 3531 Wycroft Road

Ottawa

Coliseum Ottawa Cinemas, 3090 Carling Avenue

SilverCity Gloucester Cinemas, 2385 City Park Drive

Richmond Hill

SilverCity Richmond Hill Cinemas, 8725 Yonge Street

Thunder Bay

SilverCity Thunder Bay Cinemas, 850 North May Street

Toronto

Cineplex Odeon Queensway Cinemas, 1025 The Queensway

Cineplex Odeon Sheppard Cinemas, 4861 Yonge Street

Coliseum Scarborough Cinemas, 300 Borough Drive

Scotiabank Theatre Toronto, 259 Richmond Street W

SilverCity Yonge-Eglinton Cinemas, 2300 Yonge Street

Waterloo

Galaxy Cinemas Waterloo, 550 King Street N

Windsor

Cineplex Odeon Devonshire Mall Cinemas, 3100 Howard Avenue

QUEBEC

Beauport

Cineplex Odeon Beauport Cinemas, 825 rue Clemenceau

Brossard

Cineplex Odeon Brossard Cinemas, 9350 boul. Leduc

Boucherville

Cineplex Odeon Boucherville Cinemas, 20 boul. de Montagne

Gatineau

Starcité Gatineau Cinemas, 115 boul. Du Plateau

Kirkland

Coliseum Kirkland Cinemas, 3200 rue Jean Yves

Laval

Colossus Laval Cinemas, 2800 rue Cosmodôme

Montreal

Cineplex Odeon Cavendish Mall Cinemas, 5800 boul. Cavendish

Cineplex Odeon Latin Quarter Cinemas, 350 rue Emery

Scotiabank Theatre Montreal, 977 rue Ste-Catherine O

Starcité Montreal Cinemas, 4825 ave. Pierre de Coubertin

Saint-Jérôme

Carrefour du Nord, 900 rue Grignon

Sherbrooke

Galaxy Cinemas Sherbrooke, 4204 rue Bertrand-Fabi

Ste.Foy

Cineplex Odeon Ste. Foy Cinemas, 1200 boul. Duplessis

NOVA SCOTIA

Dartmouth

Empire Dartmouth Crossing, 145 Shubie Drive

Halifax

Empire Park Lane, 5657 Spring Garden Road

NEWFOUNDLAND

St. John's

Empire St. John's, 48 Kenmount Road

YUKON

Yukon Arts Centre, 300 College Drive

* Independent theatres may not offer all presentations, please check local listings.

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