



****MEDIA ADVISORY: Thursday, June 18, 2009****

**Cineplex Entertainment's First *NT Live* Performance,
Phèdre, Starring Helen Mirren Premieres on Thursday, June 25th**

From London, England via satellite to Cineplex Entertainment theatres across the country

WHAT: Cineplex Entertainment is pleased to announce that the first season of the *NT Live* series begins with *Phèdre* starring Helen Mirren, on Thursday, June 25th at 7 pm EST & PST/8 pm MST/6 pm CST in High-Definition (HD) and digital surround sound.

Phèdre marks the first performance of the season as part of the *NT Live* series. The performances will be transmitted from London, England via satellite in high-definition into more than 60 Cineplex Entertainment theatres across the country.

In the play, based on earlier treatments of the Greek myth by Euripides and Seneca, *Phèdre* is the wife of Theseus, king of Athens, who develops a fatal and unrequited passion for her stepson, Hippolyte. Mirren will play the title role, *Phèdre*, Dominic Cooper will play Hippolytus and Margaret Tyzack will co-star as Oenone, *Phèdre*'s nurse. Nicholas Hytner, artistic director of the National, will direct.

Following *Phèdre*, the remaining plays in the four-part series include Shakespeare's *All's Well That Ends Well* with Clare Higgins on Thursday, October 1, 2009; *Nation*, based on the novel by Terry Pratchett and adapted by Mark Ravenhill on Saturday, January 30, 2010 as well as Alan Bennett's new play, *The Habit of Art*, with Michael Gambon, Alex Jennings and Frances de la Tour coming later in 2010. Advance tickets are now available for *Phèdre*, *All's Well That Ends Well* and *Nation* online at www.cineplex.com/events as well as at participating theatre box offices. Admission for children ages 3 – 13 is \$16.95 + tax, seniors is \$17.95 + tax and general admission is \$19.95 + tax. A special group rate is also available for groups of 20 or more at \$16.95 per person. For more information on group rates, call 1-800-313-4461.

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WHERE: For more information, showtimes, participating locations and to purchase tickets, visit www.cineplex.com.

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