

# Metropolitan Opera Radio Exclusively On SIRIUS Satellite Radio To Broadcast Second Season Live From The Metropolitan Opera

## In Addition SIRIUS to Launch New Weekly Program for Opera Lovers

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SIRIUS Satellite Radio (SIRI) today announced its second season of live broadcasts from the Metropolitan Opera beginning with Opening Night on September 24th. Metropolitan Opera Radio channel 85 will also premiere The Met on Record, an exclusive new program featuring Met studio recordings to be broadcast weekly during the 2007-08 opera season.

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Metropolitan Opera Radio, the definitive radio channel for opera lovers, celebrates its first anniversary of broadcasting on SIRIUS beginning with the Opening Night performance on Monday, September 24th. SIRIUS will broadcast up to four live performances each week throughout the Metropolitan Opera's 2007- 08 season. Met Opera Radio's second season of live broadcasts begins with Gaetano Donizetti's tragic opera Lucia di Lammermoor. The gala performance will be conducted by Met Music Director James Levine, and stars French soprano Natalie Dessay. Coverage of Opening Night at the Met begins at 6:30 pm ET with an overview of the evening's red carpet events. There will be two 30- minute intermissions during the performance, for which time several Opening Night-related features and high-profile interviews are being planned.

Highlights of the Met's 2007-08 season include Donizetti's Lucia di Lammermoor, Verdi's Macbeth, Gluck's Iphigenie en Tauride, Humperdinck's Hansel and Gretel, Britten's Peter Grimes, Phillip Glass' Satyagraha, and Donizetti's La fille du regiment. Met radio host Margaret Juntwait returns as announcer for the channel.

In addition to its second season of broadcasting performances live from the Met, Met Opera Radio will also launch The Met on Record, a new weekly program that will be broadcast beginning Sunday, September 30th at 9:00 pm ET. The Met on Record will spotlight the numerous studio opera recordings made by the Metropolitan Opera throughout its history. The addition of this program supports the Metropolitan Opera's goal for the channel: To provide fans with the opportunity to experience the thrill of opera and expand the SIRIUS audience to include opera lovers throughout North America.

Metropolitan Opera Radio broadcasts an unprecedented number of live Metropolitan Opera performances each week throughout the Met's entire season, in addition to re-mastered historic broadcasts from throughout the Met's 76- year history. The 24/7 channel features an average of four live broadcasts each week throughout the Met's performance season, with Saturday matinee performances enhanced with live interviews and dynamic intermission programs.

A schedule of this season's live Met performances is available at [sirius.com/metopera](http://sirius.com/metopera).

### About SIRIUS

SIRIUS, "The Best Radio on Radio," delivers more than 130 channels of the best programming in all of radio. SIRIUS is the original and only home of 100% commercial free music channels in satellite radio, offering 69 music channels. SIRIUS also delivers 65 channels of sports, news, talk, entertainment, traffic, weather and data. SIRIUS is the Official Satellite Radio Partner of the NFL, NASCAR and NBA, and broadcasts live play-by-play games of the NFL and NBA, as well as live NASCAR races. All SIRIUS programming is available for a monthly subscription fee of only \$12.95.

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#### About the Met

Under the leadership of General Manager Peter Gelb and Music Director James Levine, the Met has a series of bold initiatives underway that are designed to broaden its audience and revitalize the company's repertory. The Met has made a commitment to presenting modern masterpieces alongside the classic repertory, with highly theatrical productions featuring the greatest opera stars in the world.

The company has recently formed a groundbreaking commissioning program in partnership with New York's Lincoln Center Theater, to provide renowned composers and playwrights with the resources to create and develop new works at the Met and at Lincoln Center's Vivian Beaumont Theater.

Building on its 76-year-old international radio broadcast history - heard over the Toll Brothers-Metropolitan Opera International Radio Network - the Met now uses advanced media distribution platforms and state-of-the-art technology to attract new audiences and reach millions of opera fans around the world. "Metropolitan Opera: Live in HD," the company's series of live performance transmissions, shown in high definition (HD) in movie theaters around the world, will expand from six to eight opera transmissions in 2007- 08, beginning with Romeo et Juliette on December 15. Global distribution of the series will triple in 2007-08 to reach over 700 participating venues in North America, Europe, Asia, and Australia. These performances will subsequently air on PBS, and a selection of these HD performances will be available on DVD beginning in 2008. Metropolitan Opera Radio on SIRIUS Satellite Radio (Channel 85) is a subscription-based audio service broadcasting both live and rare historical performances. The Met also presents free live audio streaming of performances on its website once every week during the opera season with support from RealNetworks(R).

The Met has recently launched several audience development initiatives, including Open House dress rehearsals, the Arnold and Marie Schwartz Gallery Met, reduced ticket prices-including an immensely popular new rush ticket program, and an annual Holiday Series presentation for families.

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