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LA MIRADA THEATRE
FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
ANNOUNCES THEIR SEVENTH
AND FINAL PREMIERE SEASON BROADCAST
OF THE INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED

NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE

DIRECT FROM LONDON -
THE NATIONAL THEATRE PRODUCTION OF
Anton Chekhov's

THE CHERRY ORCHARD

Starring Zoë Wanamaker

***One Screening Only! FRIDAY, JULY 22 AT 8PM
at La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts!***

***'Wonderfully fresh, funny and deeply felt. One of the finest
ensembles I have ever seen at the National' - Daily Telegraph***

"Zoë Wanamaker is Superb!" – The Times

June 11, 2011...La Mirada, Calif...La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts is thrilled to announce the seventh and final production of *National Theatre Live's* second season - broadcast live from the National's Olivier Theatre in London, Zoë Wanamaker starring in Anton Chekhov's **THE CHERRY ORCHARD**, directed by Howard Davies. **THE CHERRY ORCHARD** will be broadcast on **FRIDAY, JULY 22 at 8pm** at La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts, 14900 La Mirada Blvd. in La Mirada.

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Chekhov's *THE CHERRY ORCHARD*, in a version by Andrew Upton, with Zoë Wanamaker as Ranyevskaya, is the next in the series of NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE broadcasts to cinemas and performing arts venues around the world. Directed by Howard Davies, 'Britain's most consistently satisfying interpreter of Russian drama' (London Evening Standard), the production will be filmed live at the National's Olivier Theatre.

Set at the very start of the twentieth century, *THE CHERRY ORCHARD* captures a poignant moment in Russia's history as the country rolls inexorably towards 1917. Ranyevskaya returns more or less bankrupt after ten years abroad. Luxuriating in her fading moneyed world and regardless of the increasingly hostile forces outside, she and her brother snub the lucrative scheme of Lopakhin, a peasant turned entrepreneur, to save the family estate. In so doing, they put up their lives to auction and seal the fate of the beloved orchard.

The cast of *THE CHERRY ORCHARD* also includes Claudie Blakley (as Varya), Mark Bonnar (Trofimov), Pip Carter (Yepihodov), Kenneth Cranham (Firs), Conleth Hill (Lopakhin), Gerald Kyd (Yasha), James Laurensen (Gaev), Tim McMullan (Simyonov-Pischik), Emily Taaffe (Dunyasha), Charity Wakefield (Anya) and Sarah Woodward (Charlotta).

THE FINAL SHOW OF THE SEASON:

***THE CHERRY ORCHARD* July 22, 2011 – 8pm**

Anton Chekhov's *THE CHERRY ORCHARD* will be directed by NT Associate Director Howard Davies, whose recent productions of Russian plays (including *Philistines*, *Burnt by the Sun* and *The White Guard*) have earned huge critical acclaim. Zoë Wanamaker will play Madame Ranevskaya.

Tickets to this extraordinary event are still available by calling the Box Office at 562-944-9801. Tickets are \$20 per screening and are available by calling the Box Office at 562-944-9801 or 714-994-6310 or online at www.lamiradatheatre.com.

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LA MIRADA THEATRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS is located at 14900 La Mirada Boulevard in La Mirada, near the intersection of Rosecrans Avenue where the 91 and 5 freeways meet. Parking is free.

To schedule press interviews, photos, press comps or for additional information, please contact David Elzer/DEMAND PR at 818/508-1754 or by e-mail at DavidElzer@me.com or visit www.demandpr.com. Photos and press information also available at lamiradatheatre.com.

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LA MIRADA THEATRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, now in its fourth decade, has been hailed by the Los Angeles Times as "one of the best Broadway-style houses in Southern California." This beautiful state-of-the-art theatre has been producing quality productions for its Southern California audiences since 1977. The theatre has produced several national tours and is the recipient of many accolades including Ovation and Emmy Awards and Tony Award nominations. Brian Kite is the theatre's Producing Artistic Director. The theatre is located at 14900 La Mirada Boulevard in La Mirada, near the intersection of Rosecrans Avenue. Parking is theatre-adjacent and free. For further information 562-944-9801 or visit www.lamiradatheatre.com.