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Aida

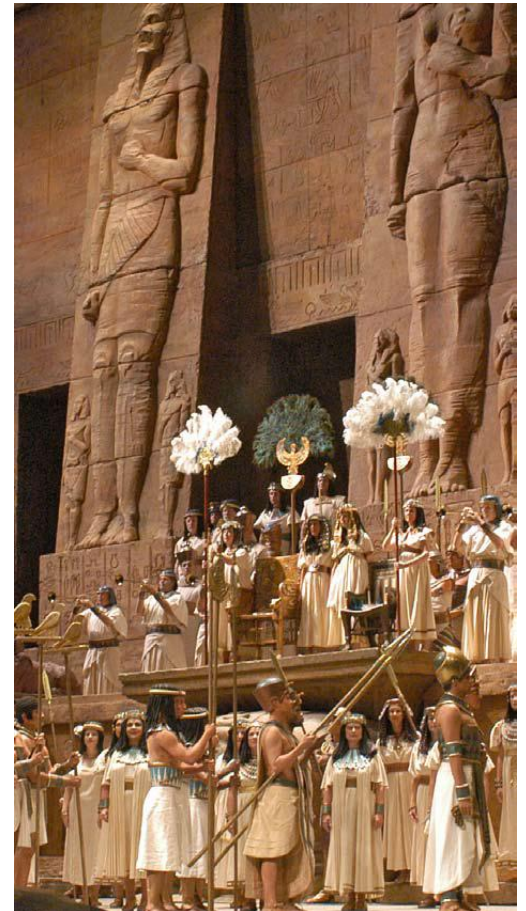
**Screened LIVE in the Arts Centre Cinema from the
New York MET Opera House
6.00pm, 24 October 2009**

**Approximate running time 3 hours 30 minutes / 2 intermissions.
Sung in Italian with subtitles**

**Starring: Violeta Urmana,
Dolora Zajick, Johan Botha
Conductor: Daniele Gatti**

Aberystwyth Arts Centre Cinema will screen *Aida* live and in high definition from the stage of the New York Met Opera House on Saturday 24th October at 6pm.

Set in ancient Egypt, *Aida* is both a heartbreaking love story and an epic drama full of spectacular crowd scenes. A cast of powerful voices and a grand production bring the story to life on the Met stage (and on the HD screen). Violeta Urmana stars in the title role of the enslaved Ethiopian princess, with Dolora Zajick as her rival. Johan Botha plays Radamès, commander of the Egyptian army, and Daniele Gatti conducts. Among the score's highlights is the celebrated Triumphant March.



The Met's award-winning series of live, high-definition performance transmissions to cinemas has been enthusiastically embraced by Aberystwyth Arts Centre audiences. When bookings for the Autumn Season opened at 10am on September 1st a queue of enthusiastic patrons arrived early to make sure they got tickets. Many of the productions nearly sold out on the first day and there are now only limited tickets available for some screenings. Arts Centre Cinema Manager Gareth Bailey says "We are incredibly happy with the enthusiastic response we have received from audiences. The feedback and comments have been very positive and we hope to bring an even more varied range of live performances to the Arts Centre Cinema in future."

Tickets for this performance are £17.50 (including a free interval drink) and can be booked by contacting the Arts Centre ticket office on 01970 62 32 32 or online at www.aber.ac.uk/artscentre

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