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PRESS RELEASE

**Canolfan y Celfyddydau
Aberystwyth Arts Centre**

Tosca

**Screened LIVE in the Arts Centre Cinema
from the New York MET Opera House
6 pm, Saturday 10 October 2009**

**Starring: Karita Mattila, Marcelo
Álvarez, Juha Uusitalo, Paul Plishka
Conductor: James Levine
Production: Luc Bondy**



Aberystwyth Arts Centre Cinema will screen Tosca live and in high definition from the stage of the New York Met Opera House on Saturday 10th October at 6pm.

The Met's award-winning series of live, high-definition performance transmissions to cinemas continues to captivate audiences around the world. The fourth season of *The Met: Live in HD*, which begins with Tosca on October 10th, will feature nine of the most popular operas ever composed.

"Tosca combines Puccini's glorious musical inspiration with the melodramatic vitality of one of the great Hitchcock films" says Met Music Director James Levine, who conducts this new production. The opera tells the story of three people - a famous opera singer, a free-thinking painter, and a sadistic chief of police - caught in a net of love and politics.

Soprano Karita Mattila sings the title role for the first time outside her native Finland. Luc Bondy, acclaimed for his imaginative theatre and opera productions, directs. The cast also includes Marcelo Álvarez as Cavaradossi and Juha Uusitalo as Scarpia.

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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