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There are two more opportunities in December to experience the wonder of Met Opera Live in HD at the USCB Center for the Arts. Both operas are by Verdi.

On Saturday, December 8 at 12:55 PM, see Verdi's *Un Ballo in Maschera* directed David Alden. The dreamlike setting provides a compelling backdrop for this dramatic story of jealousy and vengeance. Marcelo Álvarez stars as the conflicted king; Sondra Radvanovsky is Amelia, the object of his secret passion; and Dmitri Hvorostovsky is her suspicious husband. Kathleen Kim is the page Oscar, and Stephanie Blythe sings the role of the fortune-teller Ulrica.

Saturday, December 15, 12:55 PM, it's The Met's unforgettable production of Verdi's ancient Egyptian drama *Aida* starring Liudmyla Monastyrskaya as the enslaved Ethiopian princess caught in a love triangle with the heroic Radamès, played by Roberto Alagna, and the proud Egyptian princess Amneris, sung by Olga Borodina. Fabio Luisi conducts

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With last year's technology upgrades to the USCB Center for the Arts theatre, the larger screen and improved sound are providing an even greater sense of "you are there" to this season's 12 live performances from the stage of the famous Metropolitan Opera House in New York. For more information go to www.metopera.org/hdlive. Adults and Seniors, \$20; OLLI members, \$16; Youth, \$10. All seats are assigned and season tickets are available. Call the Box Office at 843-521-4145 or go to bhargrov@uscb.edu. All performances are on Saturday afternoons with curtain up at 12:55 p.m. unless noted otherwise.

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