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Opus Arte chooses Arqiva for Royal Opera House Digital Cinema Distribution

- **Opus Arte chooses Arqiva's IS905 Digital Cinema satellite platform to relay opera and ballet from Royal Opera House to North America and throughout Europe**

Opus Arte has chosen Arqiva to relay all its upcoming live feeds from the Royal Opera House to North America and Western and Eastern Europe, reaching more than 300 "live-equipped" screens with opera and ballet titles – these include The Royal Opera's ***Così fan tutte*** on Friday 10 September 2010 and ***Macbeth*** in June 2011 as well as The Royal Ballet's *Giselle* on Wednesday 19 January 2011. Arqiva has been working closely with the Royal Opera House for many years to relay other live opera events such as the BP Summer Big Screens, an annual programme of live relays to sites throughout the UK.

Barrie Woolston, Commercial Director at Arqiva Satellite & Media, said: "Live opera and ballet has been enormously popular with digital cinema customers, so we're delighted to be part of this success by distributing content for Opus Arte from the Royal Opera House. This flagship contract win provides further evidence that our IS905 Digital Cinema satellite platform is ideal for the European digital cinema market."

Opus Arte is brokering deals with chains and sub-distributors around the world for all live events which will reach audiences in more than 30 countries.

Arqiva is a leading international satellite communications infrastructure company distributing video and data to corporate, government and broadcast customers around the world. Arqiva also provides extensive media services through its studios and mobile broadcasting facilities. Arqiva provides the robust IS905 satellite network for the managed delivery of live events and movies for digital cinemas.

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