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***The Full Monteverdi* released on DVD by Naxos**

The Full Monteverdi is released worldwide on DVD by Naxos Global Distribution on 29 October 2007 and will be in record shops across the world for the Christmas season. Director John La Bouchardière's highly anticipated screen collaboration with UK vocal-music ensemble **I Fagiolini**, is presented on DVD with Dolby and DTS surround sound options, English translations and a comprehensive booklet with essays from the Director and Music Director Robert Hollingworth

The Full Monteverdi follows the simultaneous break-up of six couples from shocking revelation, vengeful anger and erotic longing for reconciliation, as an ensemble film. Claudio Monteverdi's Fourth Book of Madrigals (1603) explores differing emotional states of abandoned lovers through the most dramatic and amazingly modern music for vocal ensemble. Vulnerable and disarming, it draws the audience into an emotional journey and intensely moving portrait of contemporary love.

Visit the production **website** at www.thefullmonteverdi.co.uk or www.naxos.com for further information.

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

- The Full Monteverdi was conceived by John La Bouchardière and began life as a site-specific live performance which has toured the UK and Europe since 2004 and will be revived at the Lincoln Centre Festival in July 2007.
More at : www.lincolnfestival.org
- The Full Monteverdi will be broadcast in the UK by S4C and Sky Arts in 2008. Continental European broadcasts are also scheduled for NRK (Norway), SVT (Sweden), YLE Teema (Finland) and Ceska Televize (Czech Republic).
More at : www.thefullmonteverdi.co.uk
- In 2006 I Fagiolini received the Royal Philharmonic Society Award for Ensemble and celebrated their 20 year anniversary. I Fagiolini is acknowledged worldwide as the most innovative British vocal ensemble specialising in early music. Their stylish staged productions of Renaissance and Baroque music-theatre works together with virtuosic performances of contemporary repertoire have won them friends from the BBC Proms to Soweto and brought this repertoire to both specialist and completely new audiences.
More at : www.ifagiolini.com
- Polyphonic Films Ltd was formed in 2005 to create innovative artistic-led broadcast projects in the field of classical and contemporary music. It is currently developing a slate of documentary, performance and drama that aims to bring a diverse array of art to a broad audience.
More info : www.thefullmonteverdi.co.uk
- Opera director John La Bouchardière's recent work includes *Rigoletto* at London's Opera Holland Park; his much-celebrated production of *Semele* for Scottish Opera and *The Full Monteverdi*, his 'smash-hit' creation for I Fagiolini. He has recently directed *Tamerlano* for Scottish Opera and currently working on a new production of *Don Giovanni* in Bulgaria.
More at : www.johnlabouchardiere.com
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