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****EVENT CANCELLATIONS****

**CAL PERFORMANCES ANNOUNCES THE CANCELLATION
OF TWO UPCOMING RECITALS:
PIANIST MURRAY PERHIA, SUNDAY, MARCH 19 AT ZELLERBACH HALL; AND
TENOR MATTHEW POLENZANI, SUNDAY, APRIL 30 IN HERTZ HALL**

BERKELEY, February 21, 2006 – Cal Performances regrets to announce the cancellation of two upcoming recitals in the 2005/06 season. Pianist **Murray Perahia** has canceled his concert on Sunday, March 19 at 3:00 p.m. in Zellerbach Hall due to the flare-up of a previous finger injury. Until he recovers substantially, doctors advise against undertaking a ten-city national tour at this time.

Tenor **Matthew Polenzani** has been forced to cancel his remaining tour commitments this season, including the Sunday, April 30, 3:00 p.m. recital at Hertz Hall, due to a death in the family. Recognized as the 2004 Richard Tucker Award winner, Polenzani took the opera stage by storm when he appeared at the Metropolitan Opera last season. “An artist who makes a big impression as someone ready to make great contributions” (*The Philadelphia Inquirer*). No replacements have been announced to date.

TICKET INFORMATION

Patrons may request a refund or exchange their tickets for another event in Cal Performances’ 2005/06 Season. Requests for exchanges must be made at Cal Performances’ Ticket Office by March 15 for the Murray Perahia recital; and by April 15 for the Matthew Polenzani engagement. If no request is made for an exchange or refund, ticketholders will automatically receive a refund by credit card or by check (4-6 week delivery). Questions regarding these procedures can be directed to the Cal Performances Ticket Office in person at Zellerbach Hall; by telephone at (510) 642-9988; by e-mail at tickets@calperfs.berkeley.edu; or by fax at (510) 643-2359.