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**SHAKESPEARE THEATRE COMPANY ANNOUNCES  
*HAPPENINGS AT THE HARMAN*  
SCHEDULE FOR 2008-2009 SEASON**

**Free Mid-Week, Mid-Day Performances and Discussions  
Showcase Local Artists**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Shakespeare Theatre Company at the Harman Center for the Arts continues its popular free programming series *Happenings at the Harman* on Wednesdays from noon-1 p.m. in The Forum at Sidney Harman Hall during the 2008-2009 season. Featuring performances by Washington-area artists, *Happenings at the Harman* seeks to connect audiences with today's leading artists. The series explores the synergy between performances on the city's stages and the events that shape our community and world.

Comprising the Lansburgh Theatre (450 Seventh Street NW) and Sidney Harman Hall (610 F Street NW), the Harman Center for the Arts is a 21st-century expanded stage for the Shakespeare Theatre Company and Washington's performing arts community. In addition to being the home of the Shakespeare Theatre Company, these two superb mid-sized theatres provide ideal venues for many of Washington's distinguished performing arts companies including the Washington Bach Consort, Washington Ballet and Washington Performing Arts Society. At the heart of the Harman Center, the Shakespeare Theatre Company continues to produce classic plays of size and scope that confront humanity's most profound questions, enabling us to connect to our past and gain insights into our lives and the world in which we live.

**2008-2009 Happenings at the Harman Schedule**

**Wednesday, September 3  
Storyteller Jon Spellman**

Master Storyteller Jon Spellman opens the 2008-2009 *Happenings* season with a humorous afternoon of storytelling.

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**Wednesday, September 10**

**Tina Chancey and Rosa Lamoreaux celebrate Michael Kahn's birthday**

Hesperus musician Tina Chancey and soloist Rosa Lamoreaux celebrate STC's Artistic Director Michael Kahn's birthday with a program of songs including some of Kahn's favorites.

**Wednesday, September 17**

**Washington Toho Koto Society's debut at Happenings**

The Washington Toho Koto Society makes their Happenings at the Harman premiere with an examination of Japan's culture through the music of the koto

**Wednesday, September 24**

**The Duke Ellington Jazz Festival presents Chuck Redd**

The Duke Ellington Jazz Festival previews its upcoming city-wide festival with an intimate performance.

**Wednesday, October 1**

**Dakshina/Daniel Phoenix Singh Dance Company**

The Dance Company presents a performance in honor of Ghandi's birthday.

**Wednesday, October 8**

**Reverb**

The Washington Performing Arts Society presents Reverb, the six-member a cappella group and recent winners of Area Music Association Wammie Award as the best gospel-inspired quartet/harmony group.

**Wednesday, October 22**

**Congressional Chorus**

Members of the Congressional Chorus and American Youth Chorus join forces in The Forum for a performance with pieces inspired by Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*.

**Wednesday, October 29**

**Tina Chancey from Hesperus**

Hesperus' Director Tina Chancey performs early-music spanning the European medieval, Renaissance and Baroque period.

**Wednesday, November 5**

**Jayamangala**

Indian Classical vocal and instrumental music and dance.

**Wednesday, November 12**

**Russian Chamber Arts Society**

The Russian Chamber Art Society presents a program of Russian vocal music.

**Wednesday, November 19**

**Jane Franklin Dance**

Join modern dance lovers for a performance by the Arlington-based Jane Franklin Dance troupe.

**Wednesday, November 26**

**Jaewook Kim, Clarinet**

Clarinetist Jaewook Kim performs at *Happenings*.

**Wednesday, December 3**

**Bowen McCauley Dance**

The contemporary Bowen McCauley Dance company has become known for its exuberant blend of modern and ballet styles.

**Wednesday, December 10**

**Edgeworks Dance Theatre**

Members of the Edgeworks Dance Theatre make their *Happenings* debut.

**Wednesday, December 17**

**The Friday Morning Music Club presents Harlie Sponaugle**

Join classical music lovers for an interactive performance with artists from the Friday Morning Music Club. The Club promotes musical culture among its members and the community by experimenting and revisiting standards.

**No programs are scheduled for December 24 or 31.**

**Wednesday, January 7**

**CityDance Ensemble**

Join us for a vibrant dance performance by the CityDance Ensemble.

**Wednesday, January 14**

**Howard Bass and Barbara Hollinshead**

Howard Bass, lute, and Mezzo-Soprano Barbara Hollinshead will perform traditional music from the Renaissance.

**Wednesday, January 21**

**Joanne Schmoll**

Cabaret artist Joanne Schmoll presents Shakespeare's sonnets with actor Cam Magee.  
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**Brass on the Potomac**

The 30-piece brass and percussion ensemble Brass on the Potomac is comprised of professional musicians from around the metro area including members of all four premier Military bands. Founded in early 2008, the group performs a wide range of musical styles in public schools, community arts programs, and worship centers around the metro area.

**Wednesday, February 4**

**Jane Franklin Dance**

The Jane Franklin Dance company returns to *Happenings*.

**Wednesday, February 11**

**Dance performance by Ziva Cohen**

The Spanish Embassy and Washington Performing Arts Society present Spanish dancer Ziva Cohen in honor of The Dog in the Manger

**Wednesday, February 18**

**Bowen McCauley Dance**

Join us for a modern dance performance by Bowen McCauley Dance.

**Wednesday, February 25**  
**Edgeworks Dance Theatre**

Members of the Edgeworks Dance Theatre perform at *Happenings*.

**Wednesday, March 4**  
**Friday Morning Music Club**

The Spanish Embassy presents a Spanish program performed by the Friday Morning Music Club in honor of *The Dog in the Manger*

Wednesday, March 11

**The Music of *Ion***

The director and composer of the opera version of *Ion* discuss their work with musical selections from the opera. This event is presented in partnership with the University of Maryland.

**Wednesday, March 18**  
**Silk Road Dance Ensemble**

Through compelling music, breathtaking costuming and memorable choreography, the Silk Road Dance Company opens a door to a world that has long remained mysterious to the West.

**Wednesday, March 25**  
**Congressional Chorus**

Members of the Congressional Chorus present music from the 1940s.

**Wednesday, April 1**  
**CityDance Ensemble**

Join us for a vibrant dance performance by the CityDance Ensemble.

**Wednesday, April 8, at noon**  
**Russian Chamber Arts Society**

The Russian Chamber Art Society presents a program of Russian vocal music.

**Wednesday, April 15**  
**Jehshua Karunakaran, violin**

Washington Performing Arts Society presents a performance by violinist Jehshua Karunakaran, winner of the 2007 Feder String Competition.

**Wednesday, April 22**  
**Karin Paludan-Sorey, Soprano**

The Washington Performing Arts Society presents soprano Karin Paludan-Sorey.

**Wednesday, April 29**  
**The Washington Balalaika Society**

America's finest orchestra of Russian folk instruments returns to *Happenings* to perform the music of Russia, Ukraine and eastern Europe on traditional Russian folk instruments—the balalaika, domra, bayan and related folk wind and percussion instruments.

**Wednesday, May 6**  
**Washington Revels**

The Washington Revels explore Celtic, Tudor and Italian Renaissance musical traditions.

**Wednesday, May 13, at noon**  
**Washington National Opera**

Join music lovers for a performance by Washington National Opera artists.

**Wednesday, May 20**  
**Washington National Gallery String Quartet**

The National Gallery's Sting Quartet returns to *Happenings*.

**Wednesday, May 27**  
**Howard Bass and Barbara Hollinshead**

Howard Bass, lute, and Mezzo-Soprano Barbara Hollinshead will perform traditional music from the Renaissance.

**Wednesday, June 3**  
**Dancer Rudolph Kharatian**

Renowned dancer and Washington Ballet faculty member Rudolph Kharatian performs at *Happenings*.

**Wednesday, June 10**  
**Chinese Dancer Ling Tang**

Washington Performing Arts Society presents Chinese dancer Ling Tang.

**Wednesday, June 17**  
***Cordelia's Fool***

Actor Wyckham Avery performs *Cordelia's Fool*.

**Wednesday, June 24**  
**Hesperus**

The eclectic early-music group performs at *Happenings*.

**Wednesday, July 1, at noon**  
**Jonah Bokaer: National Academy of Sciences**

In 2000, Jonah Bokaer was the youngest dancer to ever be accepted into the Merce Cunningham Dance Company. Join us for a special solo performance at *Happenings*.

Seating for *Happenings* events is limited and available on a first-come basis. Boxed lunches are available for purchase (\$10). Interested patrons should contact the Shakespeare Theatre Company Box Office at 202.547.1122 or visit [ShakespeareTheatre.org/HarmanCenter/Happenings](http://ShakespeareTheatre.org/HarmanCenter/Happenings) for up-to-date information and schedule.

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