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SHAKESPEARE THEATRE COMPANY ANNOUNCES
AVERY BROOKS TO RETURN TO *TAMBURLAINE*
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WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Shakespeare Theatre Company announced that Avery Brooks will return to perform the lead in *Tamburlaine* on Saturday, December 29, 2007, at 8 p.m. He will perform in the remaining performances until the end of the run on January 6, 2008. *Tamburlaine* is running in repertory with *Edward II* through January 6, 2008, at the Shakespeare Theatre Company's Sidney Harman Hall (610 F Street NW), a part of the Harman Center for the Arts. Performances of *Edward II* also will continue as scheduled.

The Company had canceled seven previous performances of *Tamburlaine* to allow ample time for Brooks to recover from an injury. Under normal understudy procedure, these performances would not have been canceled. However, Brooks' original understudy—who also was playing three other roles between *Tamburlaine* and *Edward II*—recently left the production because of a family emergency. The new understudy, who also learned and assumed those roles, had not yet had the time to sufficiently prepare for the tremendously large role of *Tamburlaine*.

Patrons interested in purchasing tickets to either *Tamburlaine* or *Edward II* should visit ShakespeareTheatre.org or call the Box Office at 202.547.1122.

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