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MUSIC, THEATRE, FILM, KIDS EVENTS

PLANNED FOR OCTOBER

PURCHASE — October at The Performing Arts Center, Purchase

College offers a diverse roster of events for all members of the family – from the tap dance phenomenon Savion Glover to *Hamlet* and from the jazz riffs of the Christian McBride Band to kids' favorite Tom Chapin & Friends.

Stepping out first, on Saturday, Oct. 4, at 8 p.m. is tap dance virtuoso **Savion Glover** in his new show, *Bare Soundz*. The Tony[®] Award winning performer/choreographer of the Broadway hit *Bring In 'Da Noise, Bring In 'Da Funk* has virtually redefined tap, combining rhythms of bebop and hip-hop with seemingly impossible footwork. Glover also appeared in *The Tap Dance Kid*, *Black and Blue*, and *Jelly's Last Jam*. Tickets to the show are \$62.50, \$52.50 and \$42.50 (all ticket prices include parking).

The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley, a fable based on the popular children's book by Jeff Brown, travels to The Center's Concert Hall at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 5. The whimsical story follows the around-the-world adventures of 10-year-old Flat Stanley, a boy accidentally "flattened" by a falling bulletin board. Tickets to the show, recommended for ages five and up, are \$27.50, \$22.50 and \$17.50.

Taking a more serious turn, **Shakespeare & Company** brings its acclaimed "pared-down, revved-up version" of ***Hamlet*** to The Center on Saturday, Oct. 11 at 8 p.m. *The Boston Globe* called this version of the Bard's most famous tragedy "sharply intelligent, lean, and taut." Tickets are \$47.50 and \$37.50.

Harlan Jacobson's Talk Cinema – a series of sneak previews of this season's most notable independent or foreign films – returns Tuesday, Oct 14. Tickets to the 7 p.m. screening – followed by a discussion (often with guest artists involved in the film) – are \$22.50.

The **Christian McBride Band** – "one of the hottest bands in music" (*All About Jazz*) – takes center stage at The PepsiCo Theatre on Friday, Oct. 17 at 8 p.m. Grammy[®] Award winner **Christian McBride**, renowned virtuoso of the acoustic and electric bass, is one of the most sought-after musicians in the world of jazz. His band members include saxophonist **Ron Blake**, keyboardist **Geoffrey Keezer** and drummer **Terreon Gully**. Tickets to the concert are \$52.50 and \$42.50.

Another musical highlight of October takes place on Saturday, Oct. 18, when the Grammy Award-winning **Orpheus Chamber Orchestra** returns to The Concert Hall with guest pianist **Jean-Yves Thibaudet**. The conductor-less "Orpheus Model" makes the ensemble an artistic home for dozens of virtuoso musicians to practice their art with freedom to experiment and explore. Critics have called Thibaudet "masterly, brilliant, poetic, miraculous and breathtaking." Tickets to the 8 p.m. concert are \$72.50, \$62.50, \$52.50 and \$42.50.

The post-toddler, pre-teen set and their parents will enjoy **Tom Chapin & Friends** on Sunday, Oct. 26 at noon and 3 p.m. Chapin — called "the Pied Piper of children's music" by *Parents magazine*, is known for his intricate, melodic guitar work and original songs that stress family, friendship and positive self-image. He and collaborators John Forster, Michael Mark and Jon Cobert have been recognized with awards from the American Library Association, Parents' Choice, the New York Music Awards, the National Association of Parenting Publications and *Parents* magazine. Tickets are \$24.50 and \$17.50.

Also on Sunday, Oct. 26, perennial favorite **Garrick Ohlsson** returns by popular demand for a 3 p.m. performance in The Concert Hall. The Grammy Award winning piano virtuoso — first-prize winner of 1970 Chopin International Piano Competition — is regarded as one of the world's leading exponents of the music of Chopin. He also has come to be noted for his masterly performances of the works of Mozart, Beethoven and Schubert, as well as the Romantic repertoire. Tickets to the concert are \$67.50, \$57.50, \$47.50 and \$37.50.

Rounding out October is the first edition of the new series, *Conversations on Creativity, Craft and Career*. On Monday, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m., Tony® Award winning actress **Frances Sternhagen** will discuss her life and work with Isaiah Sheffer, Artistic Director of Symphony Space and host of the nationally broadcast radio program *Selected Shorts*. Sternhagen is one of the most respected supporting and leading actresses on stage and screen. Recurring television roles include Noah Wyle's grandmother on *ER*, Kyle MacLachlan's imperious mother on *Sex and the City*, and John Ratzenberger's (Cliff the postman) mother on *Cheers*. Film credits include *Up the Down Staircase; Bright Lights, Big City; Misery; Raising Cain; The Hospital; Two People; Starting Over* and *Outland*. On Broadway, Sternhagen won Tony Awards for her work in *The Good Doctor* and the revival of *The Heiress*. Prices for *Conversations on Creativity, Craft and Career* are \$42.50 and \$32.50.

For more information about all 2008-09 season events and to buy tickets, contact **The Performing Arts Center** ticket office (914-251-6200) or log onto The Center's website at <http://www.artscenter.org>.

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Purchase College is located in Westchester County, minutes from the Connecticut border. The college, part of the State University of New York

system, is a major institution of public higher education encompassing the liberal arts and sciences, professional training in the performing and visual arts, and continuing education. The college campus is home to The Performing Arts Center and The Neuberger Museum of Art, which strive to present models of excellence for both the college and its surrounding community.

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