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HEXAGON Theater Event

Saturday, April 10

Takoma Park/Silver Spring Performing Arts Center

7995 Georgia Avenue

Silver Spring, MD

6 pm optional dinner

8 pm performance

Join WDCSA for the final night of the 2010 Hexagon show, *Dancing with the Czars*. Hexagon is Washington, DC's only original political satire musical comedy revue. Every year since 1956, this nonprofit has put on Washington's only all-original revue of its kind—with more than \$3.5 million donated to 40-



March 19-April 10, 2010
NEW VENUE: Takoma Park/Silver Spring Performing Arts Center
7995 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910
Information & Tickets:
Phone 202-333-SHOW (7469) or www.hexagon.org



plus organizations in return. An all-volunteer membership makes up the cast, crew, orchestra, writers, and production team. It's a hilarious DC tradition not to be missed! Only 20 tickets are available with our group, first come, first served.

To reserve tickets, first email charles_hokanson@stanfordalumni.org or call Charles at (202) 285-1023 (cell), and then mail a check made out to "WDCSA" to Charles Hokanson, 3000 Spout Run Parkway #B-605, Arlington, VA 22201. Tickets are \$30 each. Checks must be received by Tuesday, April 6, in order for Charles to mail you your tickets prior to the performance.

Pre-Show Dinner: Prior to the performance, we encourage you to join our group for a 6 pm dinner at Jackie's restaurant, www.jackiesrestaurant.com, only a couple blocks from the theater at 8081 Georgia Avenue (enter on Sligo Ave.), Silver Spring, MD, (301) 565-9700. RSVP for the dinner to Charles by Tuesday, April 6.

Stanford Parents' Reception

Sunday, April 11

Chevy Chase, MD

2-4 pm

The Stanford Parents Initiative will host a reception for local area Stanford parents at the home of Melissa Clark P'12. Join Melissa and Chris Shinkman P'98 (WDCSA Vice President) to meet other Stanford parents, learn about WDCSA, and talk about various aspects of career planning for Stanford students, including choice of major, internships, summer jobs and career opportunities. RSVP to Melissa at madgardenr@comcast.net by April 6th. Details and directions will be sent to everyone planning to attend.

MEMBER PROFILE: BARBARA BAUMAN TYRAN

Barbara was a History major and received a BA with Honors from Stanford in 1975. Inspired by her 1974 Stanford-in-Washington Congressional internship, she returned to Washington in 1979 to pursue a career in public policy after receiving an MBA from Yale.

Barbara has been an active volunteer for Stanford since her arrival, becoming Stanford Club President in 1983, and remaining involved with the Board. After re-connecting with her former classmate, Garry Tyran, at their Stanford reunion in 2000, they married one year later.

Garry and Barbara have enjoyed volunteering together and were delighted to be invited again to serve as Attendance Co-Chairs for their upcoming 2010 reunion. Barbara is also honored to introduce Department of Energy Under Secretary Kristina Johnson -- who has three Stanford degrees -- to the WDCSA community on April 15. Barbara looks forward to greeting you in her office that evening to welcome Dr. Johnson to Washington.



Book Club Discussion

Sunday, April 11

5 pm

Bethesda, MD

The book group will meet at the home of Kathie Krum to discuss George Orwell's *Down and Out in Paris and London*.

The May book is Toni Morrison's *Song of Solomon*. For information, contact alisoncolew@hotmail.com or join the book group at <http://www.groups.yahoo.com/group/wdsabook>.

All-Star Media Panel

Tuesday, April 13

The Washington Post **6:00 pm refreshments**
1150 15th St. NW **7:00 - 8:00 pm panel**
Washington, DC

The WDCSA Speakers Series continues with a panel discussion on the dramatic changes the news industry is experiencing as it converts to the digital world. Audiences have grown to expect free content on the web and are now getting their news by

"grazing" multiple sources, including social media sites, and are even becoming citizen journalists by writing blogs and recording news through mobile phones. Find out how this shift is affecting the traditional industry from high-ranking Stanford graduates in the industry.

Serving on the panel is Katharine Weymouth, JD '92, publisher of *The Washington Post*; Bob Cohn, '85, editorial director of *The Atlantic* magazine online; and Ian Cameron, '83, executive producer of *ABC News' This Week*. The panel will be moderated by John Doolittle, professor of Communications at American University and former faculty member in the Stanford Department of Communication.

Cost: Free for young alumni WDCSA members ('05 - '09) and Stanford in Washington students. \$10 for Washington DC Stanford Association members and young alumni non-members. \$25 for non-members (includes \$15 membership fee!). Registrants may bring a guest for the same price.

Questions? Contact Tom Kohn, '83, at

kohntom@gmail.com.

>> [Space is limited! Register online](#)

**Department of Energy Under Secretary
Kristina Johnson - Rescheduled Event**

Thursday, April 15 6:30-8pm

Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI)

2000 L Street NW, Suite 805

Washington DC

Kristina M. Johnson, Ph.D., current Under Secretary for Energy, Department of Energy, will discuss her perspectives on energy/climate change issues in 2010 and beyond in the third installment of the WDCSA Speakers Series.

Prior to her appointment, Dr. Johnson was Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at The Johns Hopkins University. Among her many awards and accomplishments, she received the John Fritz Medal in May, 2008—widely considered the highest award in the engineering profession. Previous recipients include Alexander Graham Bell, Thomas Edison, and Orville Wright. Dr. Johnson has 142 refereed papers and proceedings and holds 129 US and international patents and patents pending. Graduating from Stanford in 1981 with both a bachelor's and master's degree [with distinction] in electrical engineering, she earned her Ph.D. at Stanford in 1984.

Following refreshments from 6:30-7:00, Dr. Johnson will provide informal remarks and answer questions. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to welcome her to Washington and hear about important energy challenges ahead!

Price: \$20 by April 8; \$30 at the door

To reserve your space, send a check payable to WDCSA to:

Garry Tyran

6691 Hillendale Road

Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Questions? Contact Garry or Barbara Tyran '75 at gktyran@aol.com or 301-652-6632.

**Meet Painter and Author Marjorie Price
Saturday, April 24 3:00-5:00 pm**

Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center

40 South Carroll Street

Frederick, MD

Join WDCSA at a wine and cheese reception to meet fellow Stanford alum, New York-based painter and

writer Marjorie Price at an exhibition of her latest paintings from The Bathers Series. The series is

inspired by Marjorie's lifelong love of water; it expresses the way the body moves and feels in another element. The sea is never the same; the paintings in the Bathers Series explore its endlessly changing moods.

A competitive and synchronized swimmer since high school, she was a member of the women's swim team at Stanford. After graduation, she traveled alone to Europe, sketching and painting wherever she went. She was married to a French artist and had the extraordinary experience of becoming a part of an ancient village in Brittany. She had numerous shows in France and Italy before moving back to the States in the late seventies and settling in New York City.

The Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center invites you to visit the other exhibits at the Center while you're there, and Marjorie will be happy to answer questions and discuss her work with you.

The registration price is \$5 for WDCSA members, young alumni ('05 - '09), and guests; \$8 for non-WDCSA members and guests. Please RSVP and pay online at <http://pgnet.stanford.edu/goto/event6437reg>. Please email questions to Kevin Coyne at kevin.coyne@stanfordalumni.org.

Middleburg Hunt Point to Point Races

Sunday, April 25

1 pm*

Glenwood Park

Middleburg, VA

*Rain or shine

Get out your hat and binoculars for A Day at the Races. The \$25.00 fee includes a tasty tailgate picnic and libations in a patron space overlooking the finish line. Children under 12 are free.

Space is limited so please RSVP by April 21 and mail a check, payable to WDCSA, to Margaret New, P.O. Box 933, Middleburg, VA 20118-0933. Tickets and directions will be mailed to you.

For further information call Margaret New 703-298-2525 or email maggie@middleburggroup.com

EVENT SPOTLIGHT: STANFORD AT THE TERRA COTTA WARRIORS EXHIBIT



More than 400 Stanford alumni and guests from the Washington, DC area enjoyed an exclusive Stanford reception and viewing of the Terra Cotta Warriors exhibit at the National Geographic Museum on Thursday, March 11, 2010. The traveling exhibit featured the largest collection of significant objects from Emperor Qin Shihuangdi's tomb to ever travel from China. Stanford alumni and friends took pleasure in delicious hors d'oeuvres in the beautifully decorated reception hall prior to viewing the life-size clay figures and numerous other artifacts including weapons, coins, and engraved timbers from original structures.

Ivy Singles Mixer

Thursday, April 29 6:30- 9:30 pm

Casablanca Restaurant
1504 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

The Ivy Singles Social Club (ISSC) is hosting a mixer at Casablanca Restaurant in Old Town Alexandria.

Casablanca is a Moroccan restaurant that offers Moorish decor, "Casablanca" movie memorabilia, and a convenient location two blocks from the King Street Metro Station, on Old Town's busy King Street.

The cost is \$25 for those who prepay by Monday, April 26; \$35 at the door. (See details below if you would like to prepay). We encourage reservations, but walk-ins are welcome.

The cost includes a selection of appetizers, a complimentary soda, and a cash bar for beer and wine.

To Prepay (and avoid lines at check-in): Please send a check for \$25 to Laura Medinas, c/o USCAVC, 625 Indiana Ave. N.W., Ste. 900, Washington, D.C. 20004-2950. Please make your check payable to "University of Chicago Club of D.C." and note your school on the check. Checks must be received by Monday, April 26.

E-Mail & Phone Reservations: Please direct your e-mail to lmedinas@uscourts.cavc.gov or your phone reservation to 202-501-5993. Please note that with an e-mail or phone reservation only (i.e., no prepayment) you must pay \$35 at the door.

EVENT SPOTLIGHT: WDCSA BOOK CLUB



The Washington D.C Stanford book group has been active for many years-- in fact, more years than most of the current members can recall. The group meets on the second Sunday of each month, with a few exceptions for holidays, at the homes of members who have offered to host. Venues regularly include Bethesda, MD; Vienna, VA; Washington, D.C., and Fairfax, VA. Each meeting includes a potluck supper and a lot of conversation, focused on the book under discussion or issues raised by the book. Titles are selected every 6 months, by a process of nomination and voting by all active members.

Selections vary greatly, according to the interests of the members, but tend to include new nonfiction, older classics, and new fiction. A number of core members have been involved for 5 years or more, and newer people join the group frequently. The group includes both men and women who have degrees in many different disciplines-- from bio physics to sociology to history to literature, and so on-- and connections to Stanford from many different decades. There are no formal discussion leaders, no specific questions to answer, and everyone's view is invited. Connie Barrett posts a summary and commentary on the discussion on the group's Yahoo web site each month and Perry Seiffert is the keeper of statistics on memberships, meetings, and more. Alison Westfall will answer your e-mail questions about books, meetings, and memberships.

Stanford at the Opera **Spring 2010**

Kennedy Center

Marriage of Figaro – Mozart

Tuesday, May 4 @ 7:30 pm

Often considered Mozart's most perfect opera – the Houston Opera's gorgeous production with Teddy Tahu Rhodes as the Count. Deadline for ordering is April 16. Tickets will be mailed the week of April 26th.

Hamlet – Thomas

Tuesday, June 1 @ 7:30 pm

A Washington National Opera premiere of this seldom performed opera with bass Samuel Ramey as the evil Claudius, Diana Damrau as Ophelia and Placido Domingo conducting.

Deadline for ordering is May 7. Tickets will be mailed week of May 17.

Orchestra \$151.50; 2nd Tier \$ 76.50.

For tickets - send a check payable to WDCSA to Betty Byrne, 1822 Ingleside Terrace NW, Washington DC 20010. Contact Betty @ bettybyrne@stanfordalumni.org or 202.483.4048.

WDCSA HONORS: RISA SHIMODA

Congratulations to WDCSA's very own Risa Shimoda '77 who will receive the prestigious Stanford Associates' Governors Award! Risa is one of 13 other Stanford alumni in 2010 to receive this honor for continued exceptional alumni service. She has been a driving force behind numerous Stanford events and activities in every region she's lived for the past 30 years, injecting each undertaking with creativity, leadership and a fervid attention to detail. Risa orchestrated two major Stanford events in Washington, D.C.: Stanford Night at the National Museum of the American Indian in 2005 that drew over 600 alumni and the Salute to Sandra Day O'Connor in 2006 that was attended by over 900 people. Thank you Risa for your dedication to our alumni and to WDCSA!

Stanford in the News

- The Stanford Center for Professional Development is offering a free webinar on April 20, 2010, "The Growing Threat and Impact of Web-based Malware"
- George Rosenkranz Award-winning Medical School Instructor Eran Bendavid is examining how much wellness is resulting from US funded health programs in Africa.
- Former Stanford standout guard [Candice Wiggins](#) was among 12 players added to the 2010-12 USA Basketball Women's National Team roster. The selection adds Wiggins to the 20-player roster from which the 2010 USA World Championship Team and, pending qualification, the 2012 U.S. Olympic Team will be selected.

Get Involved!

- Save the date for Saturday, May 15th from 8:45 am to 3 pm to help create better, brighter schools for DC students during the annual Hands on DC work-a-thon! More than 2,000 volunteers will be working at about 30 schools throughout the city to help build a better learning environment for local students. The WDCSA team will be working together at one school location. Projects typically involve painting walls and murals, landscaping, and general clean-up and beautification. No special skills or equipment are needed. For more information or to sign up, please contact Christina Russell '96 at carussell17@comcast.net or 202-441-8447.

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