

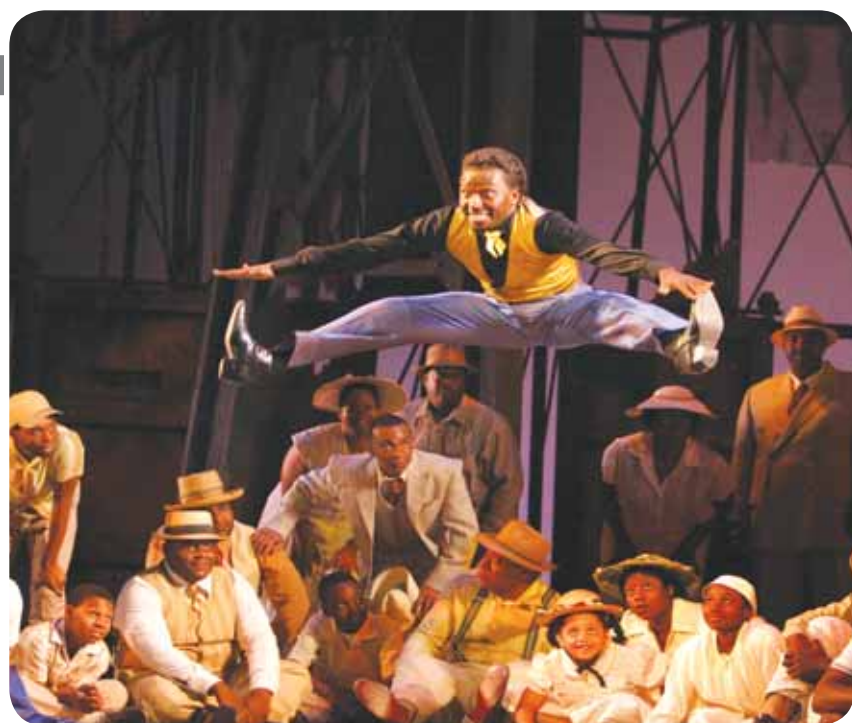


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Porgy and Bess

March 20-April 3. Kennedy Center Opera House. Washington National Opera's critically acclaimed production is back! George Gershwin melded classical music, jazz, blues, and spirituals into iconic American songs like "Summertime," "I got plenty o' nuttin'" and "Bess, you is my woman now." This quintessential American masterpiece follows the story of a crippled beggar and the headstrong woman he loves. \$25-\$300. 2700 F St. NW. 202-295-2400, www.dc-opera.org.



18th Annual Environmental Film Festival

March 16-28. 56 venues. Presenting 155 documentary, feature, animated, archival, experimental and children's films selected to provide fresh perspectives on environmental issues facing our planet. Pictured: "Jonathan Bird's Blue World," showing March 17 at THEARC, 1901 Mississippi Ave. SE. Photo: Jonathan Bird. Call or visit website for ticket info. 202-342-2564, www.dcenvironmentalfilmfest.org



50th Annual Washington Home and Garden Show

March 12-14. Convention Center. Visit hundreds of displays and see thousands of products for the home and garden. Some of Washington's most talented landscapers will offer imaginative ideas and inspiration for luxurious landscapes with flowers, stonework, waterfalls, outdoor kitchens and more. Designers, architects, craftsmen, remodelers and landscapers will be on hand to offer expert tips and techniques to save time and money in and around the house. Visitors will learn about the hottest trends in flooring, kitchens, bathrooms, eco-friendly and energy efficient products and more. Demonstrations and seminars will highlight each day's schedule. \$12/adult; \$5/kids 6-12; free/kids 5 and under with paying adult. 703-823-7960, www.washingtonhomeandgardenshow.com.

2010 National Cherry Blossom Festival

March 27-April 11. This citywide festival features more than 200 international cultural performances and over 90 other special events, from arts and exhibits to cuisine and sports. Key events: Festival Family Day & Opening Ceremony, March 27, 10 AM-5:30 PM, National Building Museum, 401 F St. NW; Fireworks with musical prelude, April 3, 5-8:30 PM, Southwest Waterfront; and the National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade, April 10, 10 AM-Noon along Constitution Avenue NW. 877-44BLOOM, www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org.



MAIN STREET TAKOMA'S 1ST ANNUAL

ART HOP

Saturday and Sunday, March 20-21st, 2010

First Annual Art Hop in Old Takoma

March 20-21. This two-day event will transform Old Takoma Streets into a neighborhood arts district, showcasing a variety of art from wearable art, to photography, to mixed media sculptural works in more than 30 businesses throughout Old Town, The Junction and Takoma DC. Musicians and street performers will be scheduled throughout both days. Free. For more information, call 240-253-4229 or visit www.MainStreetTakoma.org.