

Get Out

The week's pocket picks

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Theater

Isango Ensemble

If you find Shakespeare dull, give the Bard another try this week when South Africa's Isango Ensemble brings a unique retelling of one of his works to the Shakespeare Theatre Company's stage. Founded in 2000

by Mark Dornford-May, who began his career as an assistant director at the Royal Shakespeare Company before making his home in South Africa, the Isango Ensemble reimagines classic Western theater by placing it in a South African setting — adding music, dance, vibrant costumes and African languages. The company is touring the United States with a quick stop in Washington to perform two critically acclaimed productions in repertory. Beginning Friday, catch “Venus and Adonis,” a retelling of Shakespeare's epic poem about the divine lovers, and “The Magic Flute,” Mozart's opera about Prince Tamino's quest to rescue an enslaved princess with the help of his flute — plus marimbas, drums and other South African percussion instruments. **Through Sept. 21 at the Shakespeare Theatre Company's Lansburgh Theatre, 450 Seventh St. NW. 877/487-8849. Web: shakespearetheatre.org.**



Food

Taste of Georgetown

With so many new restaurants opening every week in Washington, how can a foodie try them all? On Saturday you can conquer Georgetown's culinary scene during the 21st Taste of Georgetown, which moves to K Street NW so you can enjoy your “tastes” by the waterfront. From noon to 5 p.m., sample more than 35 restaurants with 70 options, such as chilled pumpkin soup from Bourbon Steak, crispy shrimp rolls and hush puppies from Tackle Box and sweet and savory crepes from Cafe Bonaparte. If you're an adventurous eater, seek out the compressed watermelon with lime salt and candied jalapeno from 1789 Restaurant. If you get thirsty, visit the Beer & Wine Pavilion to try Pizzeria Paradiso's famous brews, and, throughout the day, enjoy live entertainment, bocce ball, children's activities and a chef challenge. Entry to the festival is free, though food and beverages will require tasting tickets, which can be purchased on-site. **Saturday on K Street NW between Wisconsin Avenue and Thomas Jefferson Street. 202/298-9222. Web: tasteofgeorgetown.com.**



Theater

Marie Antoinette

With her reputation for shopping, sex and cake, Marie Antoinette would be a star if she were alive today. Alas, she and her husband, King Louis XVI, were guillotined. Washington's Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company offers a new take on Antoinette's story in the context of “our cult of celebrity, our obsession with fame, and to our children, the pace of change we can hardly fathom.” The production opens with pay-what-you-can performances on Monday and Tuesday. **Sept. 12 at the Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company, 641**

Pick of the pack



Marie Antoinette would likely be a reality star rather than a royal if King Louis XVI, lost their heads in the French Revolution. On Monday opens its 35th season with David Adjmi's version of Marie Antoinette. "Our fatuous politics, the insane pressures and scant tools we give her," according to artistic director Howard Shalwitz. The show runs Monday and Tuesday. On Thursday GBD and Bluejacket Brewery will be on hand — in honor of the queen's most famous saying. **Through Oct. 13 at the Kennedy Center, 2700 M St. NW. 202/393-3939. Web: woollymammoth.net.**

Film

AFI Latin American Film Festival

Beginning Thursday, get a look at Latin American life and culture — and some really good films — during the 25th AFI Latin American Film Festival, which includes several award winners as well as films from Spain and Portugal. The festival opens with "The Liberator," a 2014 Oscar nominee from Venezuela about the life of Simon Bolivar, who led Latin America to independence from Spain, followed by a post-screening reception hosted by local Venezuelan restaurant Cafe Azul. Other festival picks include "To Kill a Man," the Chilean-French thriller that won the Grand Jury Prize at the 2014 Sundance Film Festival, and "After the Rain,"



which tells the story of the first free presidential election in Brazil in 1984, as seen through the eyes of a teenager who is running for student council. If you like to plan ahead, purchase all your tickets on Friday to get half off. **Through Oct. 8 at the AFI Silver Theatre & Cultural Center, 8633 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring, Md. 301/495-6700. Web: afi.com.**

Football

AT&T Nation's Football Classic

In 1923 Howard University's football team defeated Atlanta's Morehouse College 10-0, starting a decadeslong rivalry between the two historically black schools. On Saturday the Howard Bison and the Morehouse Maroon Tigers will face off in their annual game, which is



sure to be a close one. Before the 3:30 p.m. kickoff, visit the Pepsi Fan Festival at RFK Stadium, featuring games, giveaways, food trucks and live music by Adrian Marcel, Eric Bellinger and Billboard chart-topper Jeremih — or

stop by the campus to see some of the schools' top students compete in a debate. The weekend will conclude with a chapel service on Sunday at the campus auditorium to celebrate the schools' heritage of service and fellowship. **Kickoff at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at RFK Stadium, 2400 E. Capitol St. SE. 202/608-1198. Web: nationsfootballclassic.com.**

