



New Hazlett Theater Celebrates Six Years With Salon 6 Event

PITTSBURGH, PA – August 17, 2012 —The New Hazlett Theater presents an evening of conversation, libation and flirtation as the theater celebrates its six-year anniversary with Salon 6 on Thursday, September 20. Like the legendary 1920s salons of Paris, the evening will be a stimulating artistic *aperitif* as patrons enjoy cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and dessert and champagne mixed with six intimate performances by artists from diverse genres.

Salon 6 features internationally renowned violinist Daniel Bernard Roumain (DBR)—perhaps the only composer who has worked with both Philip Glass and Lady Gaga—in collaboration with local artists Texture Contemporary Ballet; actor/comedian Alan Olifson; cabaret and jazz singer Trevor McQueen; acrobat Erin the Aerialist; and jazz musician Mark Flaherty.

The food is provided by E2, located in Highland Park, the first restaurant of Chef Kate Romane. Offering rustic Mediterranean fare, E2's food is ever changing and features locally produced goods. The event's proceeds benefit the New Hazlett Theater, which nurtures, promotes and hosts local as well as national and international arts groups to the Northside and Pittsburgh community.

“The New Hazlett Theater is an incubator that has enabled local arts groups with limited resources to see their artistic ambitions come to fruition,” said René Conrad, executive director. “It has been incredible for us and the community to see the results, which have really been engaging and rejuvenating for the Northside. This event will help continue the good work of the theater, supporting local artists.”

The women who entertained and hosted salons created a refuge for artists, writers, actors and other creative people. Earnest Hemmingway, Gertrude Stein and F. Scott Fitzgerald popularized the salons. Local actress Helena Ruoti, who starred in many productions in the New Hazlett Theater when it served as the home of the Pittsburgh Public Theater, will be the evening's mistress of ceremonies.

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres begin at 6 p.m. Performances begin at 7 p.m. with dessert and champagne following at 8:30 p.m. Advance tickets are \$100 and \$125 at the door. Tickets can be purchased online through [ShowClix](http://www.showclix.com/event/3711489/listing), ticket link <http://www.showclix.com/event/3711489/listing>.

The evening's proceeds benefit the nonprofit New Hazlett Theater's Center for the Performing Arts, founded in 2004, to renovate and relaunch the Northside's Hazlett Theater as a venue for world class cultural events and with the intention of restoring the theater as a productive urban arts destination. The space presents numerous programs, including theater, dance, family programming, performance-art events, music, and spoken word performances, among other programming options. Theater offerings appeal to children, families and adult audiences. More than simply a venue, the theater provides professional and technical support to local artists and tenant companies.

Salon 6 sponsors include HM Insurance Group, Burns White, Attorneys at Law; Broudy Printing; PNC Bank; 90.5 WESA, Pittsburgh's NPR News Station and Penn Brewery.

Artist Biography

Having carved a reputation for himself as an innovative composer, performer, violinist, and band leader, Haitian-American artist Daniel Bernard Roumain (DBR) melds his classical music roots with his own cultural references and vibrant musical imagination. Proving that he is "about as omnivorous as a contemporary artist gets" (New York Times), DBR has collaborated and performed with Philip Glass, Cassandra Wilson, Bill T. Jones, and Lady Gaga and appeared on American Idol and America's Assignments (CBS Evening News). He was also one of Strings Magazine's "25 Tastemakers and Trendsetters" for string playing.

About the New Hazlett Theater

Located on Pittsburgh's Northside at 6 Allegheny Square, the New Hazlett Theater is a newly renovated, safe, comfortable, state-of-the-art venue for local performing arts organizations and audiences. Founded in 2004, the mission of the New Hazlett Theater is to cultivate the arts and provide a venue for world class and neighborhood cultural events. For more information about events, please visit www.newhazletttheater.org/calendar.

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