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Signature Theatre's Cabaret Series Kicks Off with *The Lost Songs of Broadway, 1940s – 1950s*, with Will Gartshore Replacing George Dvorsky

Performances run September 3 – 6 in the ARK Theatre

Arlington, VA – August 19, 2008 – Signature Theatre today announced that **Will Gartshore** will replace **George Dvorsky** in *The Lost Songs of Broadway 1940s – 1950s*, a run of cabaret performances playing in The ARK Theatre September 3 – 6. Mr. Dvorsky will be joining the cast of Signature's production of the new musical *ACE*, which opens at Signature on August 26.

Mr. Gartshore joins **Eleasha Gamble**, **Jobari Parker-Namdar**, and **Kimberly Sherbach** (*please note spelling of SHERBACH*) in performing a collection of terrific tunes from some of history's forgotten mid-century musicals. With music director **Gabriel Mangiante** on the piano, the four terrific singer-actors will mesmerize audiences with the timeless music of Cole Porter, Jule Styne, Kurt Weill, Rodgers and Hart, Harburg and Arlen, and more. Even though shows like *High Button Shoes*, *Cabin in the Sky*, *Jamaica*, *Mexican Hayride*, *One Touch of Venus*, and *St. Louis Woman* have long since disappeared from the stage, they render up some amazing musical treasures for this memorable cabaret directed by Michael Baron.

Lost Songs performances are September 3 and 4 at 8:30 pm, with two shows a day on September 5 and 6, at 7:30 pm and 9:30 pm. The setting is Signature's 110-seat ARK Theatre transformed into a dramatic nightclub complete with intimate table seating. Starting an hour before performance time, patrons can visit Ali's Bar in the Signature lobby and bring choice wine, beer, and sophisticated chef-prepared fare right into the Theatre.

Tickets for all shows are \$30 and are available by calling Ticketmaster at (703) 573-7328, visiting www.signature-theatre.org, or at the Signature Theatre Box Office.

ABOUT SIGNATURE

Under the leadership of Co-founder and Artistic Director Eric Schaeffer and Managing Director Maggie Boland, Signature is a non-profit professional theater company dedicated to producing contemporary musicals and plays, reinventing classic musicals, and developing new work. To date, Signature has presented over 25 world premiere productions and is renowned for combining Broadway-quality productions with intimate playing spaces. In addition to the finest talent from the DC metropolitan area and New York, Signature has been a home to such theater luminaries as John Kander and Fred Ebb, Cameron Mackintosh, Terrence McNally, and the company's signature, Stephen Sondheim. Signature has been nominated for 234 Helen Hayes Awards for excellence in the professional theater and has been honored with 59 Helen Hayes Awards, including Outstanding Musical in 1992, 1993, 1995, 1997, 2000, 2005, and 2006, and Outstanding Play in 1999.

Directions

Signature Theatre is just 12 minutes from downtown Washington, DC in Arlington's Shirlington Village. The new theater complex is located at 4200 Campbell Avenue (22206) off I-395 at the Shirlington exit. After the exit, blue Signature signs mark the way to the Theatre. Free parking is available in two adjacent public garages. Please note that Campbell Avenue is a new street and GPS online mapping systems such as mapquest.com do not yet recognize Signature Theatre's address. For directions visit www.signature-theatre.org.

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