

Bainbridge Performing Arts 2009-2010 Season

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**Bainbridge Island Arts Education Community Consortium presents
Ocheami ~ International Outreach Performances
West African dance, music, and storytelling from Ghana and Zimbabwe
Friday, November 6 @ 11:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. @ Bainbridge Performing Arts (BPA)**

Ocheami returns to Bainbridge Performing Arts on November 6 to share the magic, stories, melodies and enticing rhythms of West African culture with their audiences. In the Ga Language (Ghana, Africa), Ocheami means linguist, the representative who speaks on behalf of the chief. Performers speak on behalf of West African people through drumming, dance, song and storytelling. Ocheami is currently celebrating more than 22 years of excellent performances in these disciplines. The group's work is guided by deep beliefs in the celebration of diversity, and is based on the seven principles of Kwanzaa (an African-American holiday celebration): Umoja (unity), Kujichagulia (self-determination), Ujima (collective work), Ujama (cooperative economics), Nia (purpose), Kuumba (creativity), and Imani (faith).

Ocheami appears Friday, November 6 at 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at Bainbridge Performing Arts, 200 Madison Avenue North, Bainbridge Island. Tickets, \$7 per person; may be purchased by calling or emailing Bonnie Showers at the Bainbridge Island Arts and Humanities Council office at 206.842.7901 or bonnies@artshum.org. All teachers and chaperones receive five complimentary tickets per group of 25. Performances are 50 minutes and are recommended for all ages.

BPA is supported, in part, by the **Bainbridge Island Arts and Humanities Council** and the **City of Bainbridge Island**. Please give generously to **One Call for All** — and be sure to dedicate part of your gift to support BPA. Learn more online at www.onecallforall.org.

Find out more about BPA at www.bainbridgeperformingarts.org. Check online for the latest on theatre and symphony auditions, complete theatre school and adult class offerings, performance listings, tickets, cast lists, video promos, posters, press, and more. Click on "Join Mailing List" to receive electronic performance announcements and behind-the-scenes news.

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