

The Going Out Gurus recommend free things to do for every day of the week

NOTED: John Davis, pictured with Laura Barhena, joins in "Story/Stereo."



# Free & easy

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**MONDAY**  
**'Lost at Sea: The Ocean in the English Imagination, 1850-1780'**  
 → Check out paintings, writing and marine tools that give a sense of the Elizabethan view of the ocean.  
*Through Saturday, Folger Shakespeare Library, 201 East Capitol St. SE. 202-544-4600. www.folger.edu.*

**TUESDAY**  
**Kokayi listening party**  
 → Local Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter, MC and producer Kokayi celebrates the release of his new single, "Roxstar," with DJ Sauce, who will provide party-ready jams the rest of the night.  
*10:30 p.m. Little Miss Whiskey's Golden Dollar, 1104 H St. NE. www.littlemisswhiskey.com.*

**WEDNESDAY**  
**Liquid Soul**  
 → This performance is as strange a promotional event as you are likely to see: The artists of AM Radio will create art by mixing Vitamin Water into

their paint. Free Vitamin Water (as well as Bacardi cocktails) will also be available, of course.  
*7 p.m. The Fridge, 516 Eighth St. SE (rear alley). 202-684-4151. www.thefridge.com.*

**THURSDAY**  
**Thursday lunchtime concerts**  
 Take a break from work to check out local blues group the Stacy Brooks Band, and don't worry about packing a lunch. The weekly Rosslyn farmers market, open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., promises locally grown fruit and freshly baked bread.  
*11:45 a.m. Arlington Farmers and Artists Market, Wilson Boulevard and North Oak Street, Arlington. 703-228-3327. www.rosslynmv.com.*

**FRIDAY**  
**'Story/Stereo'**  
 The series that pairs authors and musicians starts its new season with writers Aryn Kyle and Allison Benia White teamed with John Davis, who will perform songs from his career with favorite D.C. groups Q and Not U, George James and Title Tracks.

*8 p.m. The Writer's Center, 4608 Walsh St., Bethesda. 301-654-8666. www.storystereo.com.*

**SATURDAY**  
**'Page to Stage'**  
 More than 40 area theater companies participate in this annual series of free readings and play previews. Participating troupes include African Continuum Theater Company, Folger Theatre, Signature Theatre, Synetic Theater, Thaffety Punk and Washington Shakespeare Company.  
*Through Monday, 2-10 p.m. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW. 202-467-4600. www.kennedycenter.com.*

**SUNDAY**  
**NSO Labor Day Concert**  
 Gates open at 3:15 p.m. for this annual concert by the National Symphony Orchestra, this year led by Associate Conductor Emil de Cou.  
*8 p.m. West Lawn of the Capitol, Pennsylvania Avenue and First Street NW. www.kennedycenter.com.*  
 — David Malitz, Stephanie Merry and Justin Rude

**\$5 OR LESS**  
**'PUZZLING (A) SPACE'**  
 Those headed to Dupont's First Friday gallery walk should make a point of stopping by Hillier Art Space for an eclectic new group show. Members of the art collective Project Andini are curating the exhibition, which showcases four Asian artists — Soum Hong, Chakraphan Rangaratna, Ding Ren and Eric De Leon Zamuco — who have created site-specific installations of painting, mixed media and video. While Hong displays cryptic paintings depicting war, Rangaratna offers up a foil in the form of colorful geometric paintings full of whimsy. Ren, last seen tapping away on a typewriter as part of the Smithsonian's "Lists: To-Do, Illustrated Inventories, Collected Thoughts, and Other Artists' Enumerations," presents the "Reflected Light Series" of videos, and Zamuco shows off a mixed-media installation employing everything from dog treats to soap. Those who can't make it Friday get a second chance to meet the minds behind the art; an artist talk is Saturday from 2 to 3 p.m.

*Friday, 6-9 p.m. Hillier Art Space, 9 Hillier Ct. NW. 202-338-0680. www.artistsandartists.org. \$5 minimum donation.*

— Stephanie Merry



CHAKRAPHAN RANGARATNA  
**HILLYER: "My Ship Is Not Pretty," detail, by Chakraphan Rangaratna.**