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Revels celebrates the first day of fall along the Charles River in Cambridge with the 6<sup>th</sup> annual *RiverSing*, Sunday, September 20, 2009

On **Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**, Revels will celebrate the Autumnal Equinox with thousands of singers, picnickers and boaters at the **6<sup>th</sup> annual *RiverSing* along the Charles**. This free giant public sing features a number of area choruses and solo artists, all of whom will engage the audience, inviting them to “sing along!”

Over 100 members of various Boston area choruses will participate in this year’s celebration including the **Family Folk Chorale**, the **Halalisa Singers**, **Sharing a New Song** and the **Revels Singers**. Also, saxophonist **Stan Strickland** is on board again this year - quite literally - as he performs an improvisational sunset serenade from an illuminated boat on the river at approximately 7:15 pm for all gathered.

Revelers are invited to **come early** and spread their picnic blankets along the river. **Bring a bell** (or wear a bell) to help us ring in the new season and **small boaters are encouraged to decorate their boats** and join us on the river while we sing. The **communal singing begins at 6:00 pm** and lasts until dark.

***RiverSing* Entertainment & Processional from Harvard Square**

**At 5:00 pm** drop by Winthrop Park in Harvard Square for ***RiverSing*** entertainments of all kinds including **a marching band, puppets, face painting and more**, then join us in a grand **procession down to the river at 5:45 pm**.

***RiverSing* Location:** The Cambridge side of the Charles River near the John W. Weeks Footbridge at Memorial Drive. Parking is limited. **T:** Harvard Square on the Red Line.

Supported in part by the **Massachusetts Cultural Council**, a state agency, The **Cambridge Arts Council**, **The Charles River Conservancy** and the **Harvard Square Business Association**, ***RiverSing* is FREE** and open to all!

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**Background:** In 2004 Revels first teamed up with the Charles River Conservancy to create a free community singing event along the banks of the Charles River. Since then ***RiverSing*** has established itself as a much-beloved fall marker and Boston area tradition. George Emlen is Revels’ music director; Patrick Swanson, artistic director. Next Revels Celebration: ***The Christmas Revels*** at Sanders Theatre, Cambridge, December 11-27.

**For more information on *RiverSing* call 617-972-8300 or visit [www.revels.org](http://www.revels.org) where you can find links to video and photos of previous *RiverSings*.**