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We're usually about as happy for summer's end as we are about a trip to the dentist. But let's do a quick inventory of what the past three months gave us: a heat wave so relentless that meteorologists began calling it a "heat dome," a magnitude 5.8 earthquake that scared the bejeesus out of us and Hurricane Irene, which knocked down trees and left parts of the area in the dark for days. It's enough to make a humble blizzard seem kind of comforting, isn't it? Before we're buried in snow, take advantage of the crisp, cool days ahead with the best events of October, November and December.

— *Weekend and Going Out Guide staff*

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VELOCITYDC DANCE FESTIVAL Hungry for dance but don't know what to go see? The VelocityDC festival presents a smorgasbord of offerings — from classical ballet to flamenco and hip-hop — at Sidney Harman Hall. Now in its third year, the festival puts the Washington dance community in the spotlight, featuring such local companies as Jane Franklin Dance, the Washington Ballet and Urban Artistry, among many others. If that's not enough to entice you, the \$18 ticket price per program should certainly whet your appetite. 610 F St. NW. 202-547-1122. www.velocitydc.org.