

Historic Tall Ship Gazela Officially Invites Visitors Aboard for Live Music and Tea This Summer

The Philadelphia Ship Preservation Guild (PSPG) and The Random Tea Room (TRTR) are joining forces to launch Riverside Sessions, a biweekly series bringing local talent to the waterfront along Penn's Landing. Riverside Sessions will kick off with a live performance from the Elegance String Quartet on Friday, July 22, at 7:00 pm to provide a sensational evening of music, tea, and maritime fun aboard the historic tall ship Gazela.

Throughout the summer, the PSPG will partner with TRTR to feature local artists aboard the Gazela, and bring specially-crafted teas blends to complement live music on the waterfront. This Friday, the TRTR will provide Chicory Chai for sale to enhance the unique, sweet, and sultry sounds of the Elegance String Quartet. The Chai's aromatic spices are a perfect pairing for the string instruments and Chicory is a comforting evening alternative to caffeinated black tea. In addition, all events are Bring-Your-Own-Beverage (BYOB) for other refreshments, including alcohol.

Like many local organizations, PSPG has been greatly impacted by the pandemic. With a strong effort from volunteers this spring, including many new members, Gazela is ready to welcome the City of Philadelphia to her decks again. The Riverside Sessions are a critical fundraiser for PSPG and their future work with communities and youth throughout the city.

To purchase tickets, go to <https://www.philashipguild.org/events>. Contact Gina Pickton at (267) 496-5524 or events@philashipguild.org for more information on this event and the organizations, companies, and artists involved.

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A volunteer-led non-profit 501C(3) organization, the [Philadelphia Ship Preservation Guild](#) is responsible for preserving [historic ships](#) such as the official Tall Ship of the City of Philadelphia. Anchored by a socially-conscious business model, guided by strong values, and powered by a close-knit community, PSPG is dedicated to teaching seamanship, restoration skills, and maritime science and culture to Philadelphia's youth. Volunteers are invited from all walks of life to gain invaluable skills leading to trades jobs as well as other maritime employment. Learn more about [ongoing events](#) and [volunteering opportunities](#) to get involved.

The Elegance String Quartet performs a wide array of programs on both traditional and electric strings, enhanced with effects pedals, live rhythm, and vocals. Their signature arrangements blend styles and bend genres to create a sound that is uniquely their own. They have been guest artists at Google and ComiCon, and are featured in the popular Showtime series, "The L Word." Check them out at www.elegancequartet.com and follow them on Instagram @elegancequartet for more information on public shows and private events.

[The Random Tea Room](#) is a woman-owned co-working cafe that seeks to deliver sustainability in every cup. TRTR tea and herbal products are available loose leaf or wholesale, and equally sublime hot or iced. In the past TRTR has partnered with the PSPG to create a floating art installation and hosted live performances to build awareness for local talent throughout the city.