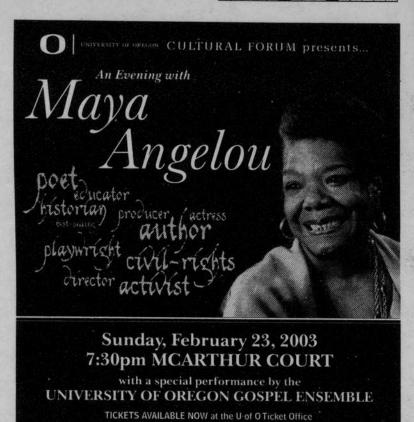
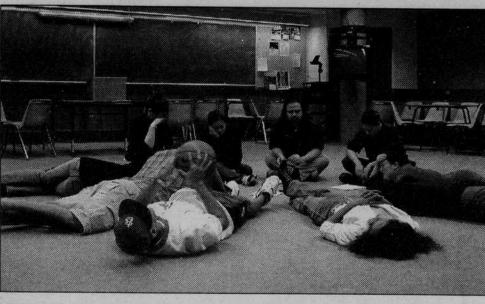


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Students participating in the "My Own Story" workshops share their stories and rehearsal experiences Wednesday during the last meeting before they perform this evening at 8 p.m. at the Fir Room in the

Jeremy Forrest Emerald

Story

"A lot of it is difficult stuff to look at," Luu said. "But a lot of it is empowering, so it sort of covers both

ends of the spectrum.' The students shared their stories one last time Wednesday night, greeting each other with smiles and hugs at the beginning of the session - the last official workshop before today's performance. They also talked about their experiences while

working on "My Own Story." Sophomore history and ethnic studies major Mark Padoongpatt said he got involved because he wanted to find out more about himself.

"There are a lot of things in my life that haven't really been served justice," he said.

Padoongpatt added that he wants

to share his story with all different kinds of people.

"The celebration is for everybody," he said. "It is a workshop for people of color, but it's empowering for white people, too, because it's an opportunity for them to relate to us.'

Sophomore Quinn Chiotti said she joined the workshops after she saw last year's performance.

"It was really inspiring," she said. Chiotti said she was adopted and wants her monologue to speak to this subject.

"Through being involved, I would like to make people more aware of international adoptions," she said. "The trials and drama - all the other stuff that comes with it."

Sophomore ethnic studies major Hanna Persson said she enjoyed becoming friends with the other participants.

"Getting to know everyone definitely has been my favorite part," she said.

Persson added that the most difficult aspect of the workshop was revisiting painful past experiences.

"It's definitely about vulnerability becoming vulnerable so that people can feel you and get to know you," she said.

Lilee Hua, Rashree Parsad, Jennie Pai, Darlene Espinoza Dadras, Jason Floyd, Solana Sawyer and Michael Cruz will also celebrate their stories.

Luu said each time he leads the workshop, he is astounded with the results.

"I'm amazingly blown away, touched, entertained, profoundly inspired ... by all of your stories," he told the students.

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instead it has exploited every sliver of fear to extend our military capabilities," he said. "This has been my nightmare for over 40 years."

After the presentations, the group massed along the sidewalk on University Street and began marching south, chanting "Whose streets? Our streets!" and waving signs. The sidewalk march soon became disorganized, however, and protesters spilled into the streets.

Marchers then walked on East 15th Avenue, blocking traffic. Many of the protesters eventually allowed vehicles through the throng, although some attempted to stir the pot.

"Protesting is inconvenient for commerce," yelled one protester who blocked a city bus.

The group turned north on Agate Street, then went up East 13th Avenue and eventually stopped again at the EMU. Marchers regrouped at the campus hub and proceeded to march west on East 13th Avenue, blocking traffic the entire way to the Federal Building.

Although the march was entirely peaceful, a few small altercations broke out along the way as

motorists either tried to dodge the crowd or got stuck in the middle. At one point, a driver exited his vehicle and began screaming obscenities. Some marchers yelled back at the man, but others quickly ended the confrontation by separating them.

Police officers on bicycles and motorcycles made their first appearance at Ferry Street, scrambling to clear the few blocks remaining before Pearl Street, where the crowd would turn north and head toward the Federal Building.

Students for Peace Co-founder Levi Strom said during the march that he was overjoyed with the turnout.

"I think people are energized that we took the streets over," he said. "It's really important that people in every city, big and small, come together.'

Shortly before 1 p.m., the Students for Peace march reached the Federal Building, spilling in among hundreds of other protesters in the stage area and crowding the intersection.

U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Eugene, was the first speaker to the podium, discounting the Bush administration and the war effort. .

"As I said on the day of the State of the Union, the greatest threat to the people in the state of Oregon is the fact that many people have lost their job or can't find a job, (and) don't have health care," he said.

Although the march and the rally both ended peacefully, police had to barricade a splinter march of 100 people who blocked traffic around East 5th Avenue later in the day. Three people were cited for disorderly conduct and released, police spokeswoman Pam Olshans-

"The small group seemed to have no apparent marching path," she said. "They were clearly intent on engaging police.'

Olshanski added that police did not want the splinter group to cast a bad light on the main group of protesters, who she said were very peaceful.

Despite the disturbance at the end, she said the rally went well considering the potential for tension at a political event.

"(Protesters) were incredibly cooperative," she said. "In reflection about what could have happened, the outcome was much more favorable.'

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- Ohio State: 0.8 lbs.

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