

SCRATCHPAD

Hear one-of-a-kind stories this weekend

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The annual FisherPoets Gathering is here once again.

This year marks the gathering's 23rd annual event, a number which feels especially impressive to me, as I'm only a few months older than the festival.

Inside, you'll find a special pull-out section featuring a FisherPoet's welcome, and schedules for the gathering's performances and special events. FisherPoets' content is also sprinkled throughout the inside pages of this week's edition.

This weekend will feature dozens of performances at venues including the Liberty Theatre, Astoria Brewing Co., the Voodoo Room, KALA, Ten Fifteen Theater, the Columbian Theater and Fort George Brewery's Lovell Taproom.

Most performers are from the West Coast but a handful come from other areas, such as Belgium, the East Coast and Alaska. While performers have traveled both near and far, each fisherpoet brings with them impactful stories of life on the sea.

I hope you add fisherpoet readings to your agenda this weekend, as the tales you'll hear will showcase grit and spirit unlike that of which many of us have seen.



Joshua Bessex

Larry Kaplan, from Essex, Connecticut, will perform Saturday during the FisherPoets Gathering.

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