

# Roseland Jumps with Hip-Hop



Cool Nutz



Bosko

As part of the upcoming festival Musicfest NW, Jus Family Records presents a showcase of hip-hop artists on Friday, Sept. 9 at the Roseland Theatre at 8 p.m.

Featured players will be E-40, Bosko, Cool Nutz, Maniac Lok, Potluck, E-Dawg and special guests. DJ Chill will host the event.

The Roseland Theatre is located at 8 NW 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. For more information on the festival, visit the web at either [www.jusfamilyrecords.com](http://www.jusfamilyrecords.com) or [www.musicfestnw.com](http://www.musicfestnw.com).

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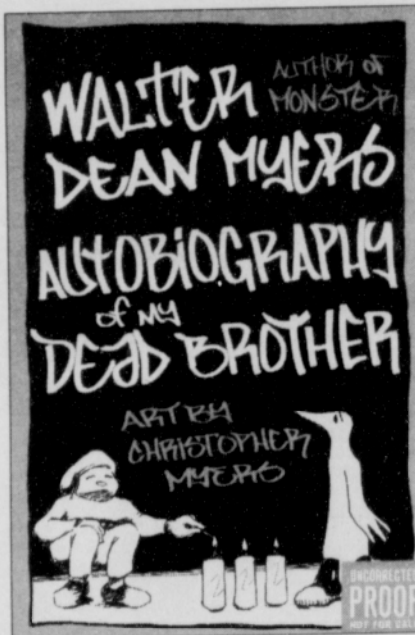
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## Author Tackles Effects of Gang Violence

### 'Autobiography of My Dead Brother' hard-hitting book

Walter Dean Myers, the award-winning author of young adult novels, is an authority on the pressures and influences that lead teenagers to engage in bullying and gang activity. He also knows first-hand the value of mentoring in shaping teenagers' lives and implements life-affirming literature as a mentoring tool. His expertise comes from years of research – and hundreds of hours of interviews with teenagers.

His latest novel, "Autobiography of My Dead Brother," illustrated by his son, Caldecott Honor artist Christopher Myers, tackles the complex issue of why some teenagers embrace gangs and others avoid them.



In this new for young adults, Myers tackles gang violence. He follows the diverging path of two best friends, as

one gets involved in a gang and starts dealing drugs, while the other tries to make sense of the complexities of friendship, loyalty, and loss in a neighborhood plagued with drive-bys and vicious gangs.

For more than 30 years, Myers has been writing for and about teens. His realistic, street-wise novels for young adults explore their values and decisions. He has based his novels on years of research from visiting school classrooms, youth detention centers, and prisons.



Walter Dean Myers

## Talisman Gallery Features Local Painters

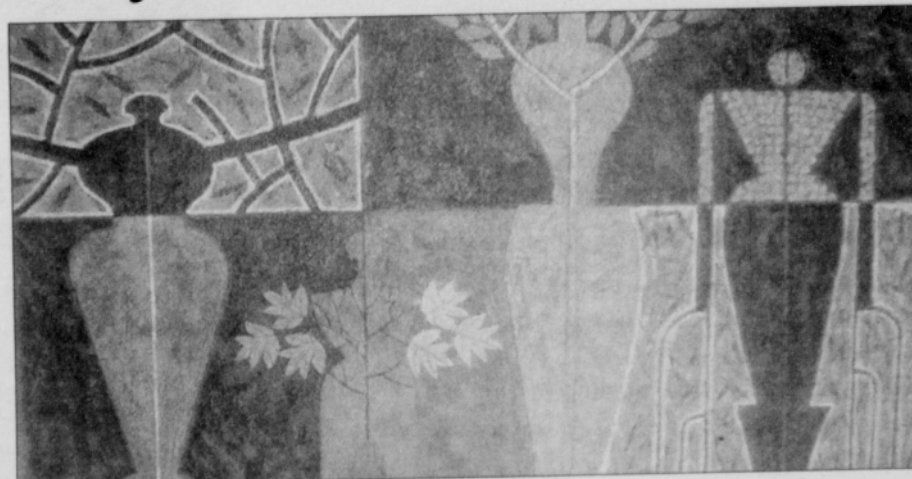
The Talisman Gallery will host an exhibition of work by local artists Devin Bernard and Christina Riccetti until Sept. 25, with an artist's reception on Aug. 25 from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Bernard's inspiration as an artist is based in the beauty of nature, using symbols and myths to portray complex life philosophies.

Having lived in Costa Rica and influenced by the Latin American School of painting, he adopted their system of myths and traditions to try to express a deep spirituality using bright and passionate color. Bernard's work contains elaborate detail designed to lose the viewer within the complexity.

Riccetti is a native Oregonian who uses many mediums to portray her vision. Her latest work features stained glass light boxes and glass hung pieces that express her perception of the relationships within nature of birth, death and regeneration. Riccetti's glasswork epitomizes the ephemeral and represents the fragile balance of life.

Talisman Gallery is located at 1476 NE Alberta Street. For more information, visit the web at [www.talismangallery.com](http://www.talismangallery.com) or call 503-284-8800.



Painter Devin Bernard's "The Forest Spirits."



A mixed-media piece by artist Christina Riccetti.