

Students Walkout to Protest Iraq War

Serious message upholds spirited rally

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As part of a nationwide day of action to mark the fifth anniversary of the start of the Iraq War, hundreds of Portland high-school students walked out of class last Thursday. Students marched through and out of their schools before converging in the North Park Blocks for a spirited rally.

Holding signs that said "Honk for Peace," the crowd on both sides of West Burnside Street screamed and chanted with every passing vehicle. Police closed down the crosswalks, citing traffic concerns, and several students were arrested for disobeying access regulations.

The event's festive atmosphere also had plenty of attention toward addressing student-specific concerns about the war. "We lack legislative representation, are targeted for military recruitment, and experience the loss of resources that comes from an inflating war budget," says Sarah Levy, an organizer at Lincoln High School.

Many students were willing to disrupt education for one day to take a stand against five years of



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Among the hundreds in the North Park Blocks who walked out of classes last Thursday to protest five years of the Iraq War are (from left) Samantha Mathews, Stetson James II, Mallory McDonald and Ashley Boedeker of northeast Portland's Madison High School.

"The State of Hip Hop: Hip Hop's Influence on Society"

Guest Lecturer: Marc Lamont Hill, PhD

Thursday, April 10, 2008 • 7:00 p.m.

Reed College - Vollum Lecture Hall
3203 SE Woodstock Blvd.



Marc Lamont Hill, Ph.D., assistant professor of Urban Education at Temple University, is one of the youngest members of the growing body of "Hip-Hop Intellectuals" in the country. His work, which covers topics such as hip-hop culture, politics, sexuality, education, and religion, has appeared in numerous journals, magazines, books, and anthologies. He has lectured widely and provides regular commentary for media outlets like the Washington Post, New York Times, Essence magazine, NPR, CNN, MSNBC, CourtTV, and Fox News. Hill is the author of the forthcoming book *Beats, Rhymes, and Classroom Life: Hip-Hop, Pedagogy, and the Politics of Identity*, and is co-editor of *Media, Learning, and Sites of Possibility*. In 2005, *Ebony* magazine named him one of America's top 30 Black leaders under 30 years old.

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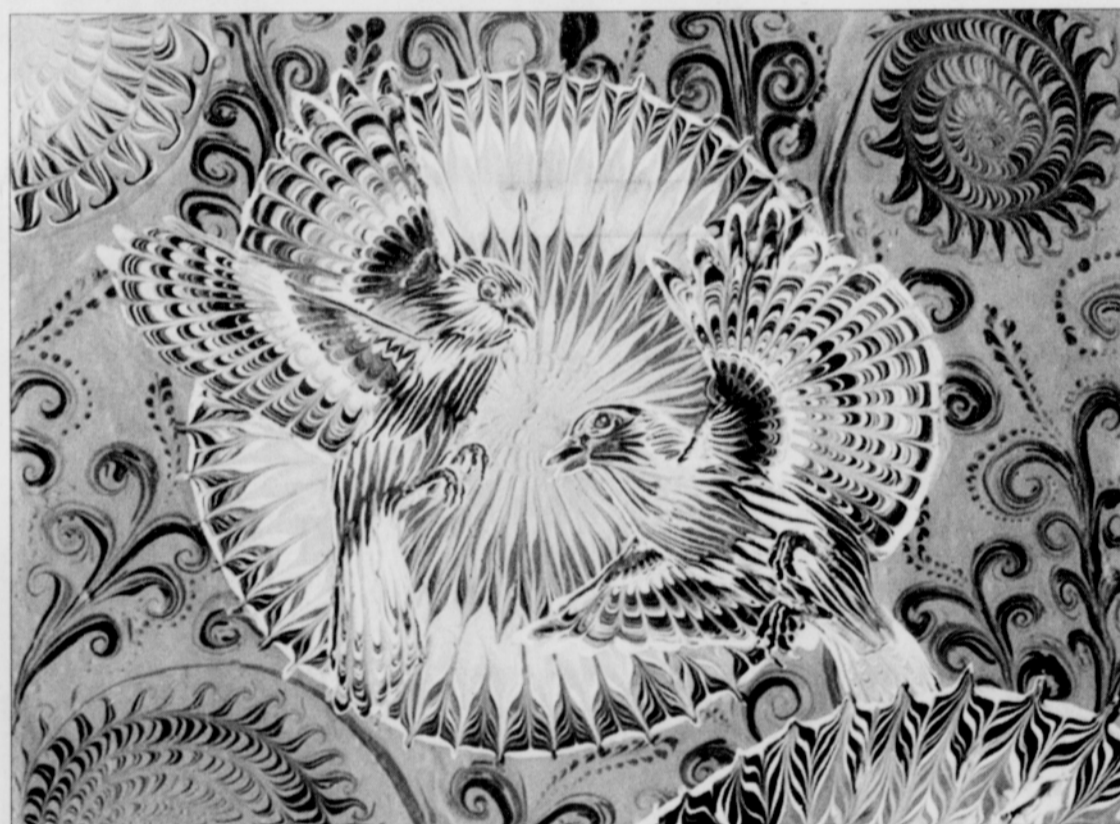
mounting death tolls, emphasizing the responsibility of each citizen to respond.

Madison High School sophomore Mallory McDonald had a spe-

cial stake in peace with a cousin in Iraq. "I hear about all these other teenagers going in there, and it makes me mad," she says.

"Silence gives consent," Levy

says. "By walking out, students not only take a stand against the war, but also assert our own power as a community determined to enact change."



David Frost's natural impressions inspire terms like "micromovement" and "maximalism."

Spring Awakens Local Artworks

Spring especially awakens a consciousness of variation in forms and colors, and the three artists at the Onda Gallery, 2215 N.E. Alberta, have captured aspects of nature with their distinctive visions.

By abstracting the landscape,

Tood Bauer he hopes to capture the essence of a moment in nature. David Frost paints with liquid acrylic in dense detail on a small canvas. His unique impressions of natural splendor have made him coin terms like "micromovement" and "maximalism."

Meg Ferguson's paintings come with a sense of harvest and blossoming, growth and beauty as a way of being in this world.

The show runs through April 22 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays.

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