

# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

## Ayo Shares Essay on NPR

"This I Believe," the NPR weekly series of personal essays from famous and everyday Americans on core values and beliefs, will feature an essay from Portland resident Damali Ayo on Thursday, July 17 during NPR's news and talk show "Tell Me More," hosted by Michel Martin.

Damali Ayo is the designer of the popular eco-friendly clothing line CROW, as well as activist and author whose work has appeared in over 100 publications. Tell Me More is available online at [NPR.org/tellmemore](http://NPR.org/tellmemore).

In Ayo's essay, "The Potential for a New Life," she writes about her belief that with a little effort, we will look at our trash in a different light, a full circle recycling approach to life. "I began to think and act and live according to the belief that all things have a continued purpose in

the world, if we just find it. I realized 'I believe in recycling.'"

Ayo's essay was selected from more than 40,000 submissions received to date from across the country.

She joins an impressive list of essayists, including John McCain, Gloria Steinem, Tony Hawk, David Copperfield, Bill Gates and Colin Powell.

In addition to airing during Tell Me More, Ayo's essay will be available to read or listen to at [NPR.org/tellmemore](http://NPR.org/tellmemore) where all broadcast essays are archived.

Local activist and author Damali Ayo will appear Thursday on NPR's news and talk show Tell Me More.



## Columbia Slough Regatta Coming Soon

### Reserve canoes, kayaks now

Local residents are invited to join the Columbia Slough Watershed Council for the 14th Annual Columbia Slough Regatta, Sunday, July 27 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Portland Water Bureau Canoe Launch, 16650 N.E. Airport Way.

This annual celebration of the slough is the largest one-day paddle in Oregon. Last year the Regatta attracted more than 302 boats and over 480 paddlers who joined us to paddle the Columbia Slough, a "hidden gem" of our local waterways.

A variety of wildlife including Great Blue Herons, Bald Eagles, Beaver, Raccoon and River Otter are commonly seen among the large cottonwood woodland at Big-Four Corners natural area.

The Columbia Slough provides



Participants in the Columbia Slough Regatta find a 'hidden gem' in our own backyard.

safe slack water paddling appropriate for all skill levels. Before and after paddling, participants can enjoy refreshments, visit with local

environmental and water-based organizations, enjoy hands-on activities, and participate in a raffle to win prizes.

Participants can bring their own human-powered watercraft and safety equipment or reserve a canoe or kayak through the Council for a free 45-minute boat rental which includes paddles and personal flotation devices.

People who wish to schedule a canoe or kayak rental through the watershed council must make a reservation in advance. There are a limited number of rentals available and they fill very quickly, so we recommend people call as soon as possible to request a reservation.

A voluntary donation of \$7 per person is greatly appreciated and helps support Columbia Slough Watershed Council programs and events. To learn more about how to get involved or for an event flyer visit [columbiaslough.org](http://columbiaslough.org)

To request a canoe or kayak reservation contact Katie at 503-459-7674 or email at [katie.meckes@columbiaslough.org](mailto:katie.meckes@columbiaslough.org).



Spike Lee

## Spike Lee's Rock Musical

Director Spike Lee plans to film Tony Award-winning rock musical "Passing Strange" because he wants to document the Broadway production "for generations and generations to see."

The show is about a young black man leaving middle-class Los Angeles to travel abroad seeking artistic freedom and identity. Writer and star, Stew, who real name is Mark Stewart, de-

scribes the show as "autobiographical fiction."

It was first staged at California's Berkeley Repertory Theater in 2006, then off-Broadway in New York in 2007 before opening on Broadway in February.

Stew, who does not describe himself as a playwright, but instead as a rock musician who made a play, said it was an honor to work with Lee.

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## Downtown Street Fair Saturday

Marking completion of light rail construction

On Saturday, July 19, TriMet will celebrate the completion of major light rail construction on Fifth and Sixth Avenues in downtown Portland by filling the streets with live music, hoops action with the Trail Blazers, painting demonstration and kids activities.

The fun is scheduled at various locations between Washington and Taylor streets from 11:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. Local musicians Michael Allen

Harrison, Tom Grant, Terry Robb and others will perform at Red Star Roast House and Porto Terra Tuscan Grill & Bar. Outdoor dining and beer gardens are planned at Red Star and Porto Terra.

The Portland Parks and Recreation's "Rec'n'Roll" bus will feature craft activities and a climbing wall for kids. Music and dancing to DJ Rick and DJ Rev Shines will take place at Saks Fifth

Avenue.

Also downtown, "Sand in the City", an annual event at Pioneer Courthouse Square with entertainment throughout the day including a puppet show and performances by Metropolitan Youth Symphony.

The street fair celebrates the completion of major construction of different segments of the Portland Mall Light Rail project.

## Barbeque and Jazz at Cannon's

Cannon's Rib Express and New Seasons Market are proud to present Reggie Houston and Janice Scroggins in addition to outstanding local talent every Sunday evening for a live jazz extravaganza. The live jazz program can be heard every Sunday from 5-8 PM at Cannon's Rib Express located at 5410 NE 33rd

Ave next to the New Seasons Market. The jazz extravaganza will continue each Sunday evening until September 28, 2008. Cannon's Rib Express and New Seasons Market are located on the SE corner of Killingsworth St and NE 33rd Ave. Bring your friends, family members and kids and join us for a great combina-

tion of outstanding BBQ and a live jazz extravaganza located on Cannon's Rib Express patio.

Additional information can be found at Reggie Houston's website; [www.reggiehouston.com](http://www.reggiehouston.com) under the GIGS menu or contact Cannon's Rib Express at 503.288.3836, 11AM-9PM Sun.-Thur., 11AM-10PM Fri.-Sat.

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