

# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

## Writing from the Heart

### Workshops expand horizons

A local teenager has reconnected with high school by writing from the heart.

Keosha Dockery, 18, wrote a poem titled 'A Survivor' that is featured in a new anthology by Write Around Portland, the local organization helping low-income adults and others break out of isolation or other barriers.

Dockery reconnected with Helensview High School while taking the group's workshop at the northeast Portland alternative high school this past spring.

"Being in the workshop expanded my horizons. It really did!" Dockery said. "I feel like everyone participated and gave it their all." She added, "My writing really comes from the heart...that's what it's all about for me."

Helensview is for students on probation and parole, students who are pregnant or parenting,

have dropped out, been expelled, are gang-involved or who have been unsuccessful in other educational settings.

Dockery said at first she didn't feel that she got along well at the school. At 14, she was having trouble generally, living in foster care, incarcerated and not focused.

But at age 17, Dockery made a realization about where her life was headed.

"I was sitting in county jail caught on a Measure 11 [charge]," she said. "I realized I wasn't going to make it like that."

Now, a year later, Dockery realizes she has so many things going for her, especially reconnecting with Helensview High School and taking the Write Around Portland workshop this past spring.

Earning credits toward graduating while she was in jail,



Keosha Dockery

Helensview's principal Kris Persson and teachers wrote letters to the judge on her behalf.

"They really fought for me, advocated for me - and gave me a chance," Keosha said.

"They didn't give up on me so I'm graduating now. I've got a real life to lead now. I've got no words to describe the impact this school has had on me."

Write Around Portland runs eight-ten week writing workshops for low income adults and others who might other-

wise be unable to participate in traditional writing workshops, because of income, isolation or other barriers.

The workshops are open to everyone, and include sessions on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. through Aug. 20 at Hotlips Pizza, 2211 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd., and at Powell's City of Books.

To learn more about participating in any of the group's workshops, call Dawn Thompson at 503-796-9224.

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Issa Bagayogo blends his African roots with Western pop.

## Inspiring Dance Music

Growing up in Mali, one of the 10 poorest nations in the world, Issa Bagayogo didn't seem headed for stardom as a musician. After several false starts, though, he has become a world-renowned dance-floor success, combining traditional African beats with injections of bass-bumping modern electronica.

Bagayogo will perform Thursday, July 29 as part of the Oregon Zoo's summer concert series presented by NW Natural.

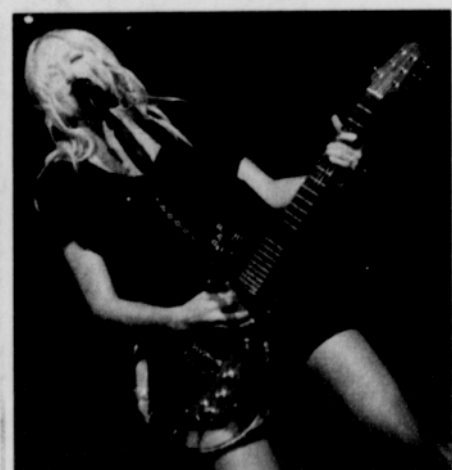
At a young age, Bagayogo demonstrated a talent for playing the ngoni, a three-stringed lute popular throughout western Africa, and began incorporating it into his unique musical compositions.

He has released four full-length albums. "Mali Koura," his most recent, came out late last year.

"Throw away your musical preconceptions," wrote Music Box magazine. "Leave your prejudices at the door. 'Mali Koura' is a heady and exhilarating ride. It will rock and shake you to the core."

## ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

**Summer Activities for Kids** -- From crafts, sports and recreation camps, space is still available at many Portland Parks and recreation summer programs. Many of the drop-in programs are free. For more information, visit portlandparks.org or call your local community center.



**Inspiring Music** -- Multifaceted singer-songwriter Jewel performs at the Oregon Zoo, Friday, July 31 as part of the summer concert series presented by NW Natural. Opening for Jewell will be the up-and-coming Nashville singer Ashley Monroe.

**Mt. Tabor Park Centennial** -- Eighteen free events are planned Saturday, Aug. 1 and Sunday, Aug. 2 to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mt. Tabor Park in southeast Portland. The activities include concerts, a bicycle fair, dog training exhibit, a climbing wall, ice cream social and more. For more information, visit mttabor100.org.

**Indie Folk** -- Jonatha Brooke brings her own songbook full of haunting, poignant melodies, as well as some collaboration with the late folk legend Woody Guthrie, to the Oregon Zoo, Wednesday, Aug. 12.

**Norman Sylvester Band** -- Norman Sylvester plays at Esther Short Park in downtown Vancouver on Thursday, July 30 at 6 p.m. and Friday, July 31 at 9 p.m. at the West Linn Saloon.

**Battle to Vote** -- The Clark County Historical Museum, 1511 Main St. in Vancouver, hosts a free women's suffrage exhibit though the end of the year. Washington was an early leader in giving women the right to vote.

**Northeast Farmers Market** -- The new Portland Farmers Market in the King Neighborhood at King School Park take place each Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Sept. 27.

**TriMet Summer Shuttles** -- TriMet runs summer shuttle service to OMSI and between popular Washington Park destinations like the Oregon Zoo and Japanese Gardens. The OMSI shuttle runs daily between the Oregon Convention Center MAX Station and OMSI from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. The Washington Park shuttle runs between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

**Live Jazz** -- Every Friday and Saturday from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., the Third Degrees Lounge at the RiverPlace Hotel, 1510 S.W. Harbor Way. No cover or minimum purchase. For more information, visit pdxjazz.com.

**Portland's Dance Halls** -- The history of Portland's dance halls, many built in the 1920s, is the subject of the art show "Once Upon a Time in Portland, We Danced" at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center in north Portland.

**Totally Gospel II** -- Peninsula Open Bible Church, 8225 N. Peninsula, hosts all styles of gospel, country, and contemporary music with host Riny Horst each Friday night from, 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. For more information, call 503-335-3132.

**Music Millennium Free Shows** -- The Music Millennium, 3158 E. Burnside, hosts in-house live performances. Enjoy free music and the opportunity to meet artists. Call 503-231-8926 for a schedule.

**Zoo Buck Tuesdays** -- On the second Tuesday of every month, the Oregon Zoo hosts

2-Buck Tuesdays when guests can tour the zoo for the discounted price of \$2 per person.

**Food and Entertainment** -- Sliders Grill, 3011 N. Lombard, features an eclectic assortment of performers on the main stage, accompanied by delicious food. Call 503-459-4488 for more information.



**OMSI After Dark** -- OMSI After Dark is a night at the museum for the 21 and over crowd filled with food, drink and science fun; \$10 fee. For more information, call 503-797-4000 or visit omsi.edu.

**Adult Comedy** -- The sketch comedy group Define Naked will celebrate its 25th anniversary with performances for mature audiences on Friday and Saturday nights through Aug. 15 at the Showbox, 2110 S.E. 10th Ave. For reservations, call 503-734-5649.

**Get Intimate with Storm Large** -- Storm Large brings here in-your-face sexuality, raw musical talent and breathtaking emotional honesty to Portland Center Stage in the autobiographical world premier musical Crazy Enough, now playing through Aug. 16 in the Ellyn Bye Studio at the Armory, downtown.

**Kirk Green Jam Session** -- Come enjoy the smooth and soulful sounds of the Kirk Green Band every Sunday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Club 720, 720 S.E. Hawthorne. The jam session and open mic is from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. All professional musicians are welcome. For more information, call 503-234-7738.

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