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Mixing Poetry and Hip Hop

Writer, musician, and performer Saul Williams is bringing his eclectic mix of hip hop and charged poetry to Portland as part of his nationwide *Martyr Loser Kingdom* tour.

Williams is a Paris-based musician known for his unique blend of poetry and alternative rap. He came to international attention for his lead roles in the 1998 film “Slam” and “Holler if Ya Hear Me,” a Broadway musical featuring music by Tupac Shakur.

He will be performing alongside “Sons of an Illustrious Father” at the Star Theater on Friday, April 24 at 9 p.m. Tickets start at \$15 and are available at startheaterportland.com.

Saul Williams brings a mix of hip hop and poetry to Portland’s Star Theater.



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Representing Diverse Communities

Beaverton resident Sarah Gilmore will represent Oregon at the Miss Black USA Beauty Pageant in August.

The Portland State University student is a communications major who dreams of becoming an “in-arena” host for the Portland Trail Blazers.

“It is an honor to represent and speak on behalf of the diverse communities in Oregon,” says Gilmore.

A volunteer at the Blazers Boys & Girls Club of Portland, she has dedicated herself to working with youth and educating them on making healthier food choices and encouraging them to stay active.

“Working with children at the Boys & Girls Club has strengthened my patience, deepened my dedication and furthered my understanding of support,” she said.

Miss Black USA was founded in 1986 and has awarded over \$300,000 in scholarships to black women across the country, celebrating scholastic achievement, health, and community service.



Sarah Gilmore is the new Miss Black Oregon USA.