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An Evening of Inspiration



Benefit Concert for Allen Temple CME Church

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The Celebration Multicultural Ensemble

With Founder and Artistic Director, Mrs. Peggy Houston Shivers

Sunday, May 20th, 2018 at 6:00pm

Maranatha Church of God 4222 NE 12th AVE, Portland OR 97211

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\$25 in advance \$30 at the door

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Netty McKenzie in the role of Stormy tries to encourage her long lost love, Blaze, played by Aries Anitya, to be true to himself and embrace his metal music loving ways in "Jupiter is Stormy" by Portland African American actor and playwright Kwik Jones. The play will show for one performance only on Saturday, May 26, at 3 p.m. at Kelly's Olympian in downtown Portland.

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the Fence," which dealt with the Crips and Bloods.

In the past five years, he's taken a break from writing to focus on raising his children and working long shifts at an auto distribution center in Beaverton, Oregon. But a recent injury, this time to his spinal cord, once again set him on the path to his craft.

"I couldn't do anything anymore. I was just on the couch getting fat. So I was just like 'God what do you want me to do, before I go out of my mind.' Then one day it just hit me: go back to writing," Jones recalled.

Jones had dropped a tray of heavy parts at work, which yanked him down and caused the injury. Now he has limited use of his right arm, which goes numb, as well as swelling and limited mobility in his neck. An avid mixed martial arts athlete, the injury has put a significant damper on Jones' lifestyle and slid him into a depression for a bit. He's scheduled to get a neck fusion in the near future, which will guarantee that he won't succumb to any further paralysis. But doctors told him that the surgery only has a 50/50 chance of restoring full mobility to where it was before.

Jones said he's trying to make the best out of the situation.

"When God wants you to do something and you're not hearing, he'll get your attention. Even though it's a negative thing, I'm getting something corrected, and I'm getting back into something that I treasure and love so much."

Back in 2007, Jones was a resident producer at the now shuttered Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center in north Portland. The former fire station on Interstate Avenue was reworked into a culturally diverse performing arts hub in the 1980s. One of Jones' most acclaimed plays, "The Code," premiered there. It was about the shooting of an unarmed black man by a white cop, told through the eyes of his partner, a black police officer. He is currently working on a screenplay to turn "The Code" into a movie next year, through his production company, Studio 20.

"Jupiter is Stormy" stars Portland actors Aries Anitya, Netty McKenzie, John D'Aversa, Ashley Pio, and Eric Island. Jones may be reached for more information at studio20ent@hotmail.com.



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