

YOUR BEAT EYES ON THE STREET

Lauded Poets to Perform with Jazz This Weekend

Critically acclaimed poets Lawson Inada (pictured below) and Emmett Wheatfall (pictured on top) will be performing some of their works to music this weekend for "A Celebration of Poetry in Jazz."

The performances will be in honor of National Poetry Month on April 22 in Portland at the First Unitarian Church and April 23 in Seattle at Daniels Recital Hall. Tickets are available at www.peterson-entertainment.com.

The performance was created to present Inada's and Wheatfall's "diverse backgrounds, styles and experiences to life in thoughtful and expressive poetic story."

Lawson Inada's performance will feature works that are greatly influenced by his childhood experiences while at internment camps during WWII. Lawson's inspiration comes from dreams, memories and experiences. He will also explore Japanese poetic forms and the interplay of how his life-long love of jazz has influenced his poetry. Lawson cites jazz as the strongest influence in his writing and has done live collaborations with Andrew

Hill, Mal Waldron and Jimmy Smith.

Emmett Wheatfall's material covers romance, faith, betrayal and the matters of life. His words are set to a fierce, sensitive and moving accompaniment that crosses the boundaries of jazz into blues, funk, soul and gospel.

Accompanying the poets are musicians Noah Peterson and Larry Nobori on saxophones, Gordon Lee on piano, Andre St. James on upright bass and Tim DuRoche on drum-set.

Inada was named Oregon State Poet in 1991 and served as the Oregon's Poet Laureate 2006-2010. His collection of poems "Before the War" was the first book of poetry by an Asian American to be published by a major New York publishing house. He won the American Book Award for his work "Legends from Camp" in 1992. He won the Oregon Book Award for Poetry in 1997, the Pushcart Prize for Poetry in 1996 and was honored at the White House for a "Salute of Poetry and American Poets."

Wheatfall burst onto the scene with his recorded work, "When I Was Young" a music and poetry collaboration with producer Noah Peterson. Featured in Wine and Jazz Magazine, Wheatfall was called "...one of the most original and powerful debut jazz artists of the year." "When I Was Young" is currently on

air at various stations throughout the country including WWOZ, New Orleans, KMHD, Portland and WPRB, Princeton University. Wheatfall has done voice-over work and is an annual presenter of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have A Dream Speech" for various organizations during Black History Month. He has two published collections of poems, "He Sees Things" and "We Think We Know" and an audio CD of his poetry entitled, "I Speak."

Your Financial Records: Making Order Out of Chaos

Are your file cabinets overflowing? Get organized with a plan that purges the unnecessary and ensures you've saved what you need to keep the IRS happy should they come calling.

While it's tempting to hang onto every piece of paper in case you need it, there are documents you can go ahead and get rid of say financial planning experts at the Oregon Society of CPAs.

Why Am I Keeping this Stuff Anyway?

There are many reasons to keep records. In addition to tax issues, you may need to keep records for insurance purposes or for getting a loan.

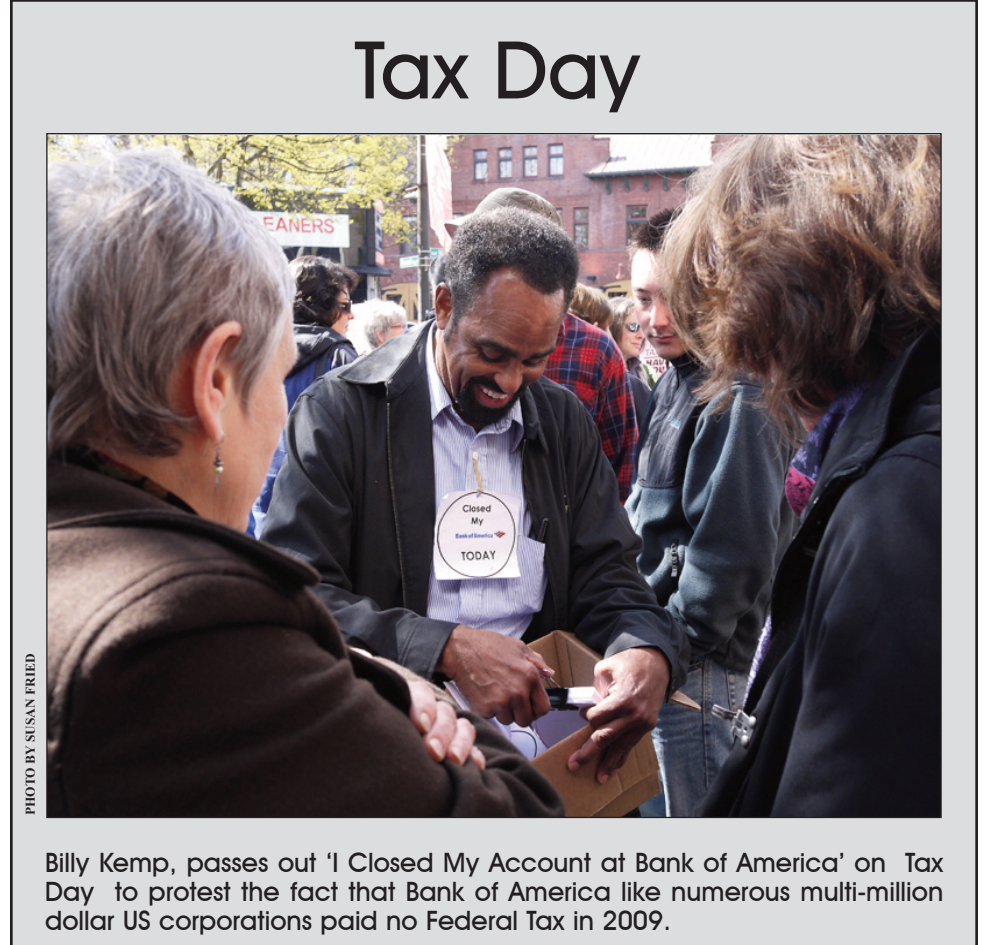


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Billy Kemp, passes out 'I Closed My Account at Bank of America' on Tax Day to protest the fact that Bank of America like numerous multi-million dollar US corporations paid no Federal Tax in 2009.

IRS Publication 552: Recordkeeping for Individuals is available on the IRS website and describes basic records you should keep to prove your income and expenses.

Copies of tax returns. Keep these as part of your tax records. Keep copies of your tax returns for six years.

Year-end mutual fund and brokerage statements. Keep the year-end versions for at least three years after the

due date of your tax return. If you are self-employed and, when you prepared your tax returns you owed the IRS money, you should keep all your records at least six years. That's how long the IRS has to come back to conduct an audit. Some financial planning experts advise self-employed workers to keep all financial records for at least six years.

Cancelled checks, old receipts. Keep these for three years after the date of

your return, and then it's safe to get rid of them.

Receipts for major home improvements. Hang on to receipts for major home improvements. These should be kept until the property is sold - they might be needed in order to show the actual cost of the home in some tax situations. They may also come in handy if you want to show potential buyers how much you've spent to upgrade the property.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEATTLE APRIL 2011

BULLETIN BOARD

THE SKANNER.COM

If you have an event you want to share with the community, email it two weeks in advance to [The Skanner at info@theskanner.com](mailto:info@theskanner.com)

Thursday April 21

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION: Each day this week from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. there will be an activity celebrating Earth Day! Yesler Community Center, 917 E Yesler Way. For more info call 206-386-1245.

Friday April 22

TEEN FLASHLIGHT HUNT: The biggest outdoor teen night hunt for prizes in West Seattle. Please remember to bring a flashlight and a goodie

bag. Meet in the Hiawatha Community Center's gym promptly at 8:10 p.m. Hiawatha Community Center, 2700 California Ave. SW. For more details call 206-684-7441.

Saturday April 23

HUBBARD HOMESTEAD PARK OPENING EVENT! If you are looking for a spring egg hunt, join Seattle Parks and Recreation and the Northgate Community for the grand opening of Hubbard Homestead Park. 10 a.m. at 5th Ave, NE and NE 112th St. The free egg hunt is for children 12 and younger.

SPRING EGG HUNT! Rain or shine, kids scramble for goodies in age appropriate hunt areas. Please bring a basket for collecting. The hunt starts at 10 a.m. for kids 3 and younger. 4-6 year olds 10:30 a.m. 7-9 year olds and 10-12 year olds 11 a.m. Garfield Community Center 2323 E. Cherry St.

Sunday April 24

HAPPY EASTER!! ENJOY YOUR DAY!

Monday April 25

SEATTLE JOB FAIR! We are bringing together some of the area's top employers, who will be hiring for hundreds of positions. Anyone in the community who is looking for work is encouraged to attend this FREE job fair: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. The Conference Center at Sea-Tac International Airport, 17620 Pacific Highway S.

Wednesday April 27

OPENING DAY FOR COLUMBIA CITY'S FARMERS MARKET! With over 30 farmers and food vendors selling a delicious assortment of early spring greens, organic poultry and much more. 3 - 7 p.m. Located on South Edmunds Street between 36th and 37th.

Saturday April 30

SEATTLE METRO REPTILE EXPO! Thousands of captive-bred reptiles, amphibians, tarantulas, books, cages, supplies, educational tables and more! Admission is adults \$7, Kids 6-12 \$3 and children under 5 are free. Renton Community Center, 1715 Maple Valley Highway 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.