

Seattle City Council

**Public Safety, Government Relations, and Arts Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, 2:00 PM, May 1, 2007

**Words' Worth**

The Poetry Program of the Seattle City Council

Curated by **Brian McGuigan**

Today's poet is **Rajnii Eddins**

**Rajnii Eddins**, at 26, is a talented poet, singer/songwriter, performance artist and teacher. He has been writing for more than 15 years, starting at age 11. Rajnii, is the co-founder of an organization called the Poetry Experience which he initiated with his mother, Randee Eddins in August of 1998. At age 17 he had his first work published entitled "A Taste of Rage" under his mother's company LesRan Publications. He has performed at more than 300 different venues including: festivals, theatres, poetry slams, colleges and universities, cafes, bookstores, and a wide variety of schools. Rajnii, as a teacher, works with many at-risk youth from primary grades thru high school creating and implementing curriculums that teach non-violence thru poetry and spoken word that serve to deconstruct media stereotypes reaffirm self-identity and improve self-esteem. He is adept at developing and implementing literary workshops for individuals of all ages and is inclusive in his outlook. Rajnii, has written songs for many different groups and has collaborated on several different albums. Rajnii, simply put, is a phenomenal artist who enjoys sharing his talents and encouraging the talents of others.

***Know This***

By Rajnii Eddins

Your Lives Are The Jewels WE Shines Light Thru  
Your Struggles Are-  
Your Triumphs Are  
What Make You Many Faceted  
These rays of light tinged with your lives  
Color the World your chosen kaleidoscopic door to open  
My Peers - My People  
Young Brothers and Sisters  
Elders Sages and Seers  
Cast off your fears  
So that you may take flight unarrested  
Only law we break is gravity  
-unprotested  
Follow me through these veins of innervision  
More than your imagination could defy description

This be - blueprint to OUR DREAMS as Living  
Where Impossibility is  
the only possibility that can't be conjured  
and since cain't ain't in our vocabulary  
Can not CAN BE CONQUERED  
Understand me Mama Understand me Brother  
Yes, We Understand Each Other  
So let's grant each other's wishes  
like family love had dreamt this  
What Majesty is set for these Scholars  
Scientists Philosophers and Cultural Anthropologists  
Rebels with Righteous Causes  
Armed with pebbles to ripple ponds  
And topple giants of mind with  
like David and Goliath  
For we are - legion of lion-hearted  
Generation of regeneration  
Peace be our target  
We have you in our sights  
The torch is past to us  
We will not choose to scorch the earth to dust  
We choose to birth the force of love  
Making wings out of crack fiends resurrected cracked dreams  
is how we stack cream  
For we are legion of lion-hearted  
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