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Free Concert: Sean Gaskell plays West African Kora

Music, history, and stories create a transporting experience.



Musician [Sean Gaskell](#) will give a performance and educational demonstration on the Kora, an ancient 21-string harp from West Africa.

He will play both traditional songs and original compositions at the Aberdeen Timberland Library, Monday, July 17 from 6-7:00 p.m.

The Kora is native to the Mande peoples who live within the countries of Gambia, Senegal, Mali, Guinea and Guinea Bissau.

"Many songs tell ancient stories of war and hardship," he explained, "while others praise people of high political status and those who helped expand the Mande empire."

Gaskell was born and raised in Olympia. He attended Capital High School and The Evergreen State College. In 2006, while studying at Evergreen, Gaskell discovered the Kora. Two years later, he took his first trip to Gambia.

The Friends of the Aberdeen Timberland Library will sponsor this program.



Gaskell describes the Kora as a melodic, peaceful sounding instrument.

All Timberland Programs are free and open to the public. The Aberdeen Timberland Library is located at 121 E Market St. Aberdeen, WA. For more information, contact the library at (360) 533-2360 or visit www.TRL.org.

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