



Although the mission is for the Green Line to connect communities and make travel more efficient, the construction process has severed customer traffic and left Arnellia's (like many businesses along the Central Corridor) in the red.

A triage team of local artists will hold a free, public performance from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. at Arnellia's on 1183 W. University Avenue in St. Paul on Saturday, January 11. The performance's goal is to bring the community together and stop the bleeding for this neighborhood business that has given so many fledgling musicians an opportunity to showcase their talent over the years.

The event is titled, "Ajha's Web w/Ray Covington-A Fusion of Drama & Song." Written excerpts by Essence Bonitaz, music by Ray Covington, and a cast of actors led by Terry Bellamy comprise this contemporary version of old-school radio soap opera drama presented live on stage.

This collaboration is funded by Irrigate--a partnership between the City of St. Paul, Twin Cities Local Initiatives Support Corporation, and Springboard for the Arts--an initiative to aid St. Paul businesses during the Central Corridor Light Rail construction.

The artists hope to incite a groundswell of support and inspire others to support businesses along the Green Line so that they may survive long enough to benefit from the light rail's mission.

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