



**Rev. Sekou**  
***The Task of Artist in Time of Monsters***  
**Wednesday, October 21 at 7 pm**

**About Rev. Sekou**

Noted activist, theologian, author, documentary filmmaker, and musician, Reverend Osagyefo Sekou was born in St. Louis, Missouri and raised in the rural Arkansas Delta. Rev. Sekou's music is a unique combination of Arkansas Delta Blues, Memphis Soul, 1970s funk, and Gospel. In May 2017, he released *In Times Like These*, produced by the six-time Grammy-nominated North Mississippi Allstars.

On July 6, 2018, over 1,500 people gathered at the historic Levitt Shell in Memphis, TN to welcome home their southern son, Rev. Sekou. Performing new arrangements from his previous two studio albums—Rev. Sekou also presented never released music. For nearly two hours, the audience was treated to stellar performance that was one-part protest rally, one-part Pentecostal tent revival, and one-part late night juke joint.

In March 2019, he released the live album *When We Fight, We Win*. A consummate entertainer, Paste Studio celebrated his barn-burning performance saying: "Rev. Sekou delivers the spiritual performance we need now." NPR's Bob Boilen commented that Rev. Sekou delivered one of "the most rousing Tiny Desk performances."

*AFROPUNK* heralded the "deep bone-marrow-level conviction" of his first album, *The Revolution Has Come*. The single, "We Comin'"—was named the new anthem for the modern Civil Rights movement by the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.

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