

R. Kelly

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 onto the arena's giant video screens.

After a while, "Kelly ran back to the stage and basically said goodnight," Johnson said. "The problem was, the show clearly was not over."

Jay-Z ended the concert following a solo set and a tribute to dead hip-hop and R&B heroes.

"The artists want to apologize to everyone who bought tickets to the Milwaukee and Hartford shows," a Kelly spokesman said Sunday in a

written statement. "They are as disappointed as anyone that they won't be able to perform as scheduled. These concerts are extremely complicated stage shows with a multitude of special effects, dance numbers, and lighting and sound cues, and unfortunately we need to take a few days off to work out some technical problems."



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paigned for Equal Justice, which raises money for Legal Aid. "I think Multnomah County has done a pretty good job of making serving on a jury accessible to more people," Brown said. "It was a pretty fascinating experience. When you sit down in that room you're like a team, but you're not all on the same side. You have to come to agreement with all of the other jurors. It's a real intellectual challenge."

Rosenblum said that in many states jurors are not allowed to take notes, receive no written instructions and have no way to ask for clarification when they need more information.

"You would not believe how backward some states are — in amazing ways that make it harder on jurors," she said. "In some places it can take days and days to pick a jury. "I

think we have developed a lot of ways to improve the jury system here. We even allow jurors to ask questions now. The questions are written so it's very carefully monitored."

President Grey said he decided to focus on the jury system after talking to lawyers and judges around the country. "Juries are such an important institution in our system of justice and our democratic society," he said. "And our jury system is unique. We use juries more than anywhere else in the world."

"The jury system is written into our system. It's not an afterthought; it's a structured part of our Constitution that we thought would provide our democracy with a long life. So it's incumbent on us to examine it, to hold it up, to celebrate it and to improve it from time to time."

Helen Silvis writes for the Portland Skanner.

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