

Slam poet Danez Smith to perform at Bridgewater



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BRIDGEWATER – “Creating art that is deeply personal, bluntly political and charged with gut-wrenching honesty – and at the same time inspiring that same reaction in other people – has become the driving force of my journey with education, spoken work and theater,” said award-winning author and slam poet Danez Smith.

Smith will perform their work at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday at Bridgewater College. The program is free and open to the public.

Smith, who employs powerful words and energy to address topics such as sexuality and race, has been awarded the Lambda Literary Award for Gay Poetry, the Kate Tufts Discovery Award and winner of the Button Poetry Prize. Smith’s work transcends boundaries to present work that is gripping and striking on the human

heart.

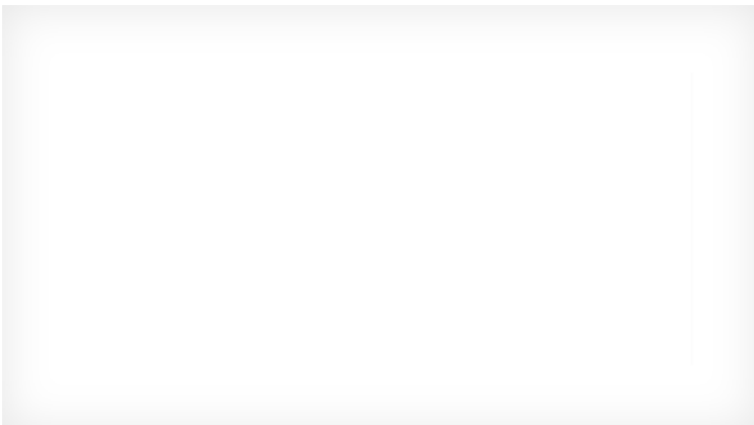
“Finding the places where we intersect each other, where we intersect ourselves and where we divide has become the focal point of my work,” shared Smith. “Giving way to writing and performance that is personal as well as universal, leading the audience and myself on a journey, leaving us questioning ourselves, asking ‘what do we do next?’”



Author and slam poet Danez Smith to perform at Bridgewater College on Oct. 13. (Photo: Hieu Minh Nguyen/Submitted)

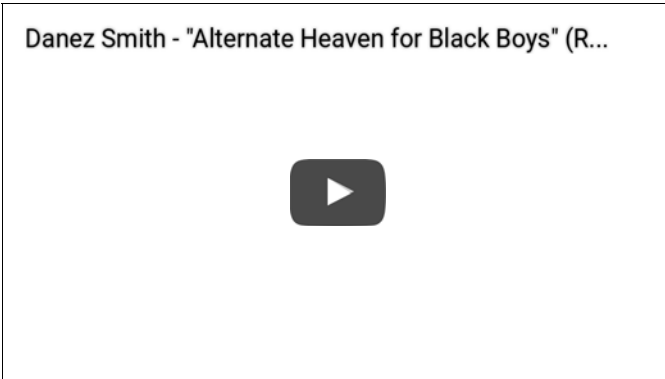
In 2011, Smith was an Individual World Poetry Slam finalist and the reigning two-time Rustbelt Individual Champion. Three years later they became a member of the championship team, Sad Boy Supper Club.

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Smith is also a founding member of the Dark Noise Collective, an assemblage of the literary world's best multicultural spoken-word artists, and has authored two books: "[insert] boy" and "Black Movie."



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What Slam poet Danez Smith

When 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13

Where Cole Hall, Bridgewater College, 402 E. College St., Bridgewater

Cost Free

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