

POETRY

Poet To Perform At BC

Award-winning author and slam poet Danez Smith will perform at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 13 at **Bridgewater College's** Cole Hall.

Smith, who employs powerful words and energy to address topics such as sexuality and race, has been awarded the Lambda Literary Award and the Kate Tufts Discovery Award.

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

Smith is also a founding member of the Dark Noise Collective, an assemblage of the literary world's best multicultural spoken- word artists.

"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 Smith in a press release. "Finding the places where we intersect each other, where we intersect ourselves and where we divide has become the focal point of my work, 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?'" The program is free and open to the public.

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