

SAWCI Presents ÂNSKOHK INDIGENOUS LITERATURE FESTIVAL

November 4 – 6, 2021

Festival at a Glance*

Thursday, November 4th, 2021

2-4 PM – “Literary Kinships” ft. Jordan Abel, Gregory Scofield, and Tenille Campbell, moderated by Jade McDougall. —Virtual Event

Panel Discussion hosted by the U of S in partnership with the Ânskohk Festival Featuring Gregory Scofield, Jordan Abel, and Tenille Campbell. During the first half of this event, the featured speakers will engage with moderator Jade McDougall in a panel discussion on such topics as the function of relationality, relationships, or kinship in their writing, forms of mentorship and the importance of community for emerging and established Indigenous authors, and intergenerational influences among Indigenous writers. The panel discussion will be followed by a Q&A period with the audience.

4-6 PM – BREAK

6-9 PM – Celebrating our Story-tors (In-Person Event)—Alt Hotel

Join us for supper followed by dessert and discussions with SK Indigenous authors with new books! The program will begin with an Honour Song, and live music!

Featuring:

Marlene McKay--*Indigenous Feminism: Colonial Complexities*

Louise B. Halfe Sky Dancer--*kinky and Disheveled*

Lisa Bird-Wilson--*Probably Ruby*

Wilfred Burton--*Road Allowance Kitten: Broken Promises, Ride, Gabe, Ride*

Cort Dogniez--*Road to La Prairie Ronde*

Arnolda Bowes--*20.12m: A Short Story Collection of a Life Lived as a Road Allowance Métis*

Kendra Weenie--*Surviving Domestic Violence*

Randy Morin--*Kisepayawi Nikamowin Nanaskamowin Kistikan*

Thursday evening Featured Author:

Paul Seesequasis author of *Blanket Toss Under the Midnight Sun*

Note: All in-person events at the Alt Hotel will require proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test result. Events at the Roxy Theatre require proof of vaccination.

*Schedule is subject to change.

Free admission to all events!

Donations to SAWCI welcomed at the door, or by

E-Transfer to sawciboard@gmail.com

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Friday, November 5th, 2021

9-10:30 AM – Author Talk School Visits Featuring Waubgeshig Rice and Jordan Abel—Closed Event

Each of the authors visit high schools for readings/Q&A

9:30-10:45 AM – Memoir Writing Featuring Maria Campbell (In-Person), Alicia Elliott (In-Person) and Monique Gray Smith (Virtual), moderated by Bevann Fox (In-Person)—Virtual and In-Person at the Roxy Theatre

A discussion with Maria, Alicia, and Monique on the process of memoir writing, moderated by Bevann Fox, followed by a Q&A.

10:45-11 AM – BREAK

11-11:30 AM – Featured Authors Showcase—Virtual and In-Person at the Roxy Theatre

This will either be a pre-recorded video with 1-2 minutes with each author, or a rapid-fire reading of 2-3 minutes per author.

11:30-12:30 PM – LUNCH BREAK (Bagged Lunches provided at venue)

12:30-2:30 PM – Screening of *Indian Horse*—In-Person at the Roxy Theatre

2:30-3:30 PM – From Page to Screen Film and Media Discussion—In-Person at the Roxy Theatre

Moderated by Rosanna Deerchild, featuring Dennis Foon, screenwriter for *Indian Horse*. This discussion will dive into the process of bringing the written word to a visual medium, followed by 15 minutes of Q&A.

5-6 PM – SAWCI Annual General Meeting – All welcome!—Alt Hotel

7 PM – Keynote Address Featuring Jesse Wente (Virtual)—Virtual and In-Person at the Alt Hotel

8-9 PM – Open Mic (Sign up to share your writing!)—Virtual and In-Person at the Alt Hotel

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Saturday, November 6th, 2021

9-9:45 AM – Fireside Morning Chat with Maria Campbell (In-Person) and Gregory Scofield (Virtual)—Virtual and In-Person at the Alt Hotel

Join us for tea and bannock and listen in while Maria and Greg chat about Indigenous storytelling, and how it has changed over the years.

10-11 AM – Digital Storytelling featuring Waubgeshig Rice and Jordan Abel (Virtual), Moderated by Alicia Elliott—Virtual and In-Person at the Alt Hotel

Waubgesheg and Jordan will share how they have incorporated digital storytelling into their work. Q&A.

11-11:15 AM – BREAK

11:15-12:15 PM – Poetry Showcase featuring Gregory Scofield (Virtual), Jordan Abel (Virtual), and Rosanna Deerchild (In-Person)—Virtual and In-Person at the Alt Hotel

Gregory, Jordan, and Rosanna will each share their poetry, followed by a Q and A.

12:15-1:30 PM – Lunch Keynote Address featuring Maria Campbell (In-Person)—Virtual and In-Person at the Alt Hotel

1:30-2:30 PM – Children’s Book Writing featuring Monique Gray Smith—Virtual and In-Person at the Alt Hotel

Monique will discuss the process of children's book writing. Followed by a Q and A featuring the SAWCI Indigenous Children's Writing Group.

2:30 PM – SAFE TRAVELS!