

# SAWCI Presents ÂNSKOHK INDIGENOUS LITERATURE FESTIVAL

November 2 – 4, 2023

## Stories of Resilience

Festival at a Glance\*

Featuring festival emcee Tenille Campbell

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023

**2-4 PM – “Women at the Centre: Stories of Resilience” ft. Norma Dunning, Michelle Good and Louise Bernice Halfe Sky Dancer, moderated by Rita Bouvier. (In-Person Event)—University of Saskatchewan Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre**

During the first half of this event, the featured panelists will be invited by moderator, Rita Bouvier, to share their knowledge/wisdom on social/cultural dimensions of identity formation of individuals within family, community and life itself, and to share their stories of resilience in response to the violence wrought by colonialism, and their resurgent work through writing “to remake the world.” The panel discussion will be followed by a Q&A period with the audience.

### 4-6 PM – BREAK

### 6-9 PM – Celebrating our Story-tellers (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:

Marjorie Beaucage —*Leave some for the birds: Movements for justice*

Elena Bentley—*taliped* and *The Pickle in Grandma’s Fridge*

Rita Bouvier—*A beautiful rebellion*

Arnolda Dufour Bowes—*Maggie Lou, Firefox*

Francine Merasty—*Iskotew Iskwew: Poetry of a Northern Rez Girl*

Joan Pelletier —*Lebret-Looking Back and Beyond*

Garry Thomas Morse—*Tulpa Mea Culpa*

Prestin Thōtin-awāsis —*Spoken Word Artist*

Thursday evening Featured Author:

Tara Gereaux—*Saltus*

**\*Schedule is subject to change. Free admission to all events!**

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# FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2023

## **Author Talk School Visits Featuring Elena Bentley, Richard Van Camp, and Katherena Vermette—Closed Event**

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

### **9:30-10:30 AM – Indigenous Editing, Featuring Rita Bouvier, Waubgeshig Rice, and Tara Gereaux, moderated by Karon Shmon (In-Person)—at Remail Modern**

A discussion with Rita, Waubgeshig, and Tara on the process of Indigenous editing, moderated by Karon Shmon, followed by a Q&A.

### **10:30-11:00 AM – BREAK**

### **11:00 AM-12:00 PM – Multiple Title Book Launch with Rita Bouvier, Waubgeshig Rice, and Michelle Good—In-Person at Remail Modern**

### **12:00-1:00 PM – LUNCH BREAK (Alt Hotel)**

### **1:00-2:45 PM – Screening of *Night Raiders*—In-Person at Remail Modern**

### **3:00-4:00 PM – *From Page to Screen* Film and Media Discussion—In-Person at the Remail Modern**

Moderated by Joshua Smith, featuring Danis Goulet, screenwriter and director for *Night Raiders*. 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 Norma Dunning—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**

Note: If you'd like to share your writing, you have to be in-person at the Alt Hotel.

# SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023

## **9-9:45 AM – Fireside Morning Chat with Marjorie Beaucage and Prestin Thōtin-awāsis—Virtual and In-Person at the Alt Hotel**

Join us for tea and bannock and listen in while Marjorie and Prestin chat about the festival theme of *Stories of Resilience*.

## **10-11 AM – Writing Poetry Panel featuring Elena Bentley, Randy Lundy, and Zoey Roy, moderated by Lisa Bird-Wilson—Virtual and In-Person at the Alt Hotel**

Elena Bentley, Randy Lundy, and Zoey Roy with moderator Lisa Bird-Wilson will discuss the craft of poetry, followed by a Q&A.

## **11-11:15 AM – BREAK**

## **11:15-12:15 PM – Fiction Showcase featuring Garry Thomas Morse, Waubgeshig Rice, and Norma Dunning, hosted by Canadian Parliamentary Poet Laureate Louise Bernice Halfe – Sky Dancer—Virtual and In-Person at the Alt Hotel**

Garry, Waubgeshig, and Norma will each share their writing, followed by a Q&A.

## **12:15-1:15 PM – LUNCH**

## **1:15-2:15 PM – Lunch Keynote Address featuring Michelle Good—Virtual and In-Person at the Alt Hotel**

## **2:15 PM – SAFE TRAVELS!**



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