

Program

Hosted by SWWC SC & SMSU Creative Writing Program

- 3:00 Welcome — Jessica Hennen,
Director of Creative Writing at SMSU
- 3:10 Guest Speaker — Nick Crowfather, hip hop artist and writer
- 3:30 Presentation of Awards —
Cliff Carmody, SWWC Executive Director
Matt Coleman, SWWC Board Member
Nick Crowfather, speaker

Reception to follow: Sponsored by SMSU Creative Writing Program

Artwork: Anthology Cover
Art by 9th grade student from Yellow Medicine East
Alana Christenson Reynolds

Judges

Creative Writing Student Judges: reading sessions organized by Connor Hogen; readers, Tristan Primus, KeliAnn Gutierrez, Amber Stark-Herberg, Sheena Claypool, Elysha Morgan, Erin Lehman, and Rebecca Olson; student editorial staff, Connor Hogen and Erin Lehman.

Final Judges: SMSU English Department faculty

Fiction — Professor Judy Wilson

Non-Fiction — Dr. Mary Ellen Daniloff-Merrill

Poetry — Professor Tarik Dobbs

Nick Northrup/Crowfather

Hip Hop Artist and Writer



Born and raised on the South Side of Minneapolis, Crowfather has been rapping for nearly a decade, honing a unique storytelling style that draws from personal life experiences and carefully crafted cadences. Inspired to rap since the age of nine, Crowfather pursued a college education (former SMSU student) in writing to ensure he had a clear message to convey. It wasn't until therapy that he discovered the true story he wanted to tell.

Crowfather's music aims to be a source of solace and understanding, pulling back the curtain on cycles of generational trauma, inner demons, and the resilience that keeps us going.



21st Annual Awards Ceremony Program

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