

An Auditorium filled With Delights

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On April 12th, 2023, a few students from the North Ed Writers Studio program traveled to the Interlochen Center for the Arts to attend an event featuring prize-winning poet and essayist Ross Gay. This event was presented in partnership between National Writers Series (NWS) and Interlochen Center for the Arts.

Gay was joined on stage by guest host Ari Mokdad, NWS Educational Director, to talk about Gay's most recent book of essays, *Inciting Joy*. Gay has made delight a kind of specialty; his poetry and prose focus on the small moments of joy that we all encounter on a daily basis. Gay is part of the Bloomington, Indiana Community Garden, and his sensibility as a gardener infuses his written work and his discussion. He is passionate about the way we tend to each other.

That night everyone left the Corson Auditorium refreshed, having discovered new delights.