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ta-nehisi coates*

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This is Coates' first appearance at the Moss Arts Center.

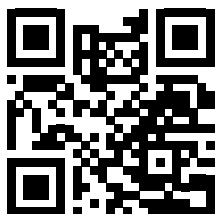
biography

ta-nehisi coates

Ta-Nehisi Coates is an award-winning author and journalist. Coates is the author of the bestselling books *The Beautiful Struggle*, *We Were Eight Years in Power*, *The Water Dancer*, and *Between the World and Me*, which won the National Book Award in 2015. He was a recipient of a MacArthur Fellowship that same year. As a journalist with a career spanning over two decades, he's written for numerous publications, including the *Washington City Paper*, *Village Voice*, *New Yorker*, and *New York Times*. During his time reporting for *The Atlantic* between 2008-2018, he penned numerous articles and essays, including the National Magazine Award-winning 2012 essay *Fear of a Black President* and the influential June 2014 essay *The Case For Reparations*. He also enjoyed a successful run writing Marvel's *Black Panther* (2016-2021) and *Captain America* (2018-2021) comics series.

Coates is currently writing the screenplays for the upcoming films *Wrong Answer*, *Superman* and the film adaptation of his first fiction novel, *The Water Dancer*. In the fall of 2022 Coates joined Howard University's faculty as a writer-in-residence and the Sterling Brown Chair in the Department of English. His newest book, *The Message*, was published in October 2024.

tell us what you think!



We'd love your feedback on this performance. If you complete the short survey, you can enter for a chance to win two tickets to Lakecia Benjamin on Friday, February 14, 2025.

bit.ly/coates-feedback

Please note, survey responses are anonymous. If you would like a response to your feedback, please email mossartscenter@vt.edu.



engagement event

Earlier today, Ta-Nehisi Coates spent time at the Black Cultural Center (BCC) with BCC and Creative Writing students.

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Curated by David Ayala-Alfonso

Through Sat., Dec. 14, 2024

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Free Related Event

Beyond the Frame

Gallery Tours

Thurs., Nov. 14, and Dec. 12, 12 pm

Moss Arts Center Grand Lobby

Michael Rakowitz; *The invisible enemy should not exist – Seated Nude Male Figure, Wearing Belt Around Waist (IM77823) (Recovered, Missing, Stolen Series)*, 2018; Middle Eastern packaging and newspapers, glue, and cardboard; 37 4/5 in. x 28 3/4 x 28 3/4 inches; courtesy of the artist and Barbara Wien Gallery



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