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Rutgers University-Camden Writers House to Host Workshop with Artist and Poet Smoothwaffle

Camden, NJ – January 27, 2025: As part of [Year of the Arts](#) programming, Rutgers University-Camden will welcome multi-talented artist and creator Sean Mentis, better known as [Smoothwaffle](#), at “Midnight Notes,” a collaborative poetry event to be held at the Rutgers-Camden [Writers House](#) on February 11 from 7 to 9 p.m.

This free workshop will be hosted by writer, poet, and Rutgers-Camden alumnus [Reed Starwind](#) and will encourage all in attendance to explore their own creative poetic expression on the common theme of “triumph.”

A native of Newport News, Virginia, Smoothwaffle is hailed as a pioneering force in Philadelphia’s hip-hop scene. The multi-talented lyricist, producer, and visual artist’s latest project, “[TRiUMPH](#),” takes his signature style in a new direction influenced by film noir.

Located at 305 Cooper Street in Camden, the Writers House is the home of the Master of Fine Arts program at Rutgers-Camden and serves as a resource to the campus and community through creative programming and other special events.

Throughout 2025, Year of the Arts will elevate creative expression on campus and throughout South Jersey, providing a platform for homegrown talent and bringing internationally known artists to the region. Additional information and a complete schedule of events can be found on the [Year of the Arts website](#).

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About Rutgers University-Camden

Ranked #46 in U.S. News & World Report’s list of Best Public Colleges and Universities, Rutgers University-Camden is a diverse, research-intensive campus of approximately 5,700 students at the undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral levels and more than 1,500 faculty and staff members. Located in Camden, N.J., directly across the Delaware River from Philadelphia, the university is uniquely situated to serve the local community while achieving global reach. A U.S. Department of Education-eligible Minority Serving Institution, Rutgers-Camden thrives due to a supportive

culture that helps students achieve their goals. Rutgers–Camden is recognized as a national model for civically engaged urban universities and was selected by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching for a Community Engagement classification. Washington Monthly magazine has ranked Rutgers University–Camden among its “Best Bang for the Buck” universities and best national universities. Rutgers–Camden holds Carnegie classification as an R2 research university due to a high volume of internationally recognized research, creative output, and scholarly activity.

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