

OCADU 2021 Academic Year Welcome | Social

# Randell Adjei in conversation with Ian Keteku

Thursday, September 2, 2021

4:00pm – 5:30pm EDT

Online via Zoom

All students, faculty and staff  
welcome!

Join us for this virtual social as we celebrate the beginning of a new academic year with a special guest performance by Randell Adjei, Ontario's first Poet Laureate (2021). Poet and faculty member, Ian Keteku will moderate the event and dialogue with Randell Adjei.



Ian Keteku





# About Randell Adjei

**Randell Adjei** is an entrepreneur, speaker and spoken word practitioner who uses his gifts to Empower the message of Alchemy. He was recently appointed Ontario's first Poet Laureate (2021).

Randell is the founder of one of Toronto's largest youth led initiatives; Reaching Intelligent Souls Everywhere (R.I.S.E Edutainment).

In 2018, R.I.S.E received the Toronto Arts Foundation's Mayor's Youth Arts Award. Randell is the author of "I am Not my struggles," a powerful Anthology released in 2018. Randell was also named CBC's Metro Morning Torontonians of the Year in 2015 and NOW Magazine's Local Hero in May 2017. In 2020 Randell opened up for President Barack Obama at the Economic Club of Canada.

# About Ian Keteku

**Ian Keteku's** poetry is an articulation of a generation's heartbeat. A magician with syntax and a word sorcerer, he conjures new realities all in an attempt to better understand our existence.

An internationally acclaimed poet and multimedia artist he is the 2010 World Poetry Slam champion. He uses his voice to inspire messages of peace, action and critical thought. Ian's work is strongly influenced by his upbringing and journeys throughout Africa.

His work follows in the lineage of ancient African storytellers by paying homage to the past and revisiting themes and lessons from previous generations. Ian teaches courses in creative writing and art and social change at OCAD U.

