

# Connecting Medium



## Dorothea Smartt

### Spoken Word

**Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>  
7 p.m.**

**Bishop Joseph Johnson  
Black Cultural Center**

### Poetry Workshop

**Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>  
3 p.m.**

**Robert Penn Warren  
Center for the Humanities**

Dorothea Smartt's work as a poet and live artist has received critical attention in both Britain and the United States for tackling multilayered cultural myths and the real life experiences of black women with searing honesty. Born and raised in London of Barbadian heritage, she was Brixton Market's first Poet-in-Residence, a former Attached Live Artist at London's Institute of Contemporary Arts, and most recently guest writer at Florida International University and Oberlin College. Her poetry appears in several journals and ground-breaking anthologies, and she has staged many plays and performance pieces. Smartt's first collection of poetry is *Connecting Medium*.

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