

# Said Farah (Shaiye)

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Height: 6' 0" Body Type: African  
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## Personal Bio

Said Shaiye is an Autistic + ADHD Somali Author, Photographer, Professor & Disability Advocate in Minneapolis. He is represented by Mariah Stovall at Trellis Literary Management. His debut book, *Are You Borg Now?*, was a 2022 Minnesota Book Award Finalist in Creative Nonfiction & Memoir. He has contributed essays to the anthologies *Muslim American Writers at Home* and *We Are Meant to Rise: Voices for Justice from Minneapolis to the World*. He has published poetry & prose in *Indiana Review*, *Texas Review*, *Obsidian*, *Brittle Paper*, *Pithead Chapel*, *580 Split*, *Diagram*, and elsewhere. He holds an MFA from the University of Minnesota, where he was a Graduate Instructor of Creative Writing, as well as a Judd International Research Fellow. He was a 2023 Loft Windows & Mirrors Fellow. Prior to his writing & teaching career, he worked as a Medical & Legal interpreter throughout Minnesota. He is fluent in Somali & is passionate about disability advocacy and compassionate pedagogy.

## FILM

### Art + Medicine:

Disability, Culture and Creativity      Featured Poet      Twin Cities PBS      Prod: Brittany Shrimpton

WCCO The Uplift      Featured Interview      WCCO Minnesota

## THEATRE

The Crucible      Various Roles      Helped With Rehearsals      Dir: Penelope Parsons-Lord

## COMMERCIAL or PRINT

NPR Snap Judgement Podcast      Scripted Voiceover      NPR      Dir: John Facile

## TRAINING

EDUCATION: University of Minnesota- MFA, Creative Writing // SUNY: Empire State College – BA, Creative Writing

VOICE: 15 Year's Experience as a Performing Poet

## SPECIAL SKILLS

Language: Fluent- Somali, English

Published Author, Minnesota Book Award Finalist, Professional Photographer: Film & Digital, Creative Writing Professor, Nationally Certified Interpreter, Neurodivergent (AUTISTIC + ADHD), Teach Poetry to Autistic Kids (with Unrestricted Interest), Keynote Speaker.